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SPRINGFIELD CITY HALL GALLERY & RECEPTION

The artwork of Patricia Donohue, Ellen de Werd and Natasha Owens Kiser will be on display; A reception will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011 as part of Springfield's Downtown ArtWalk

Art by Patricia Donohue, Ellen de Werd and Natasha Owens Kiser will be on display from Thursday, December 1, 2011 through the end of the month in the Springfield City Hall Gallery. The Gallery is operated by the Springfield Arts Commission.

The Springfield Arts Commission will host a reception at the City Hall Gallery as part of Springfield's Second Friday Downtown Art Walk on Friday, December 9 from 5-7pm. Light refreshments will be offered.

Fiddler Chip Cohen will perform during the reception. Artist Patricia Donohue will also demonstrate her weaving and basketry techniques during the reception.

Each of the artists featured during the month of December were honored by the Arts Commission at the 2011 Springfield Mayor's Art Show held at the Emerald Art Center in September.

Regular gallery hours are: Monday and Tuesday, 8am-8pm; Wednesday and Thursday, 8am-6pm; Friday, 8am-5pm; Saturday, 12pm-5pm; Sundays, closed.

What: Paintings by Patricia Donohue, Elle de Werd and Natasha Owens Kiser will be on display in the City Hall Gallery; art reception as part of Springfield's Second Friday Art Walk

When: Art reception on Friday, December 9, 2011 from 5-7pm as part of Springfield's Second Friday Art Walk; artwork will be on display through Friday, December 30, 2011

Where: Springfield City Hall, 225 5th Street, Springfield, OR

Additional Information: Contact Carrie Schindele-Cupples at (541) 726-2237

About the artists and musician:

As a weaver, in Ms. Donohue's work you will see an emphasis on the use of natural materials harvested and collected in Oregon, where she gathers her materials. Some of those materials used in her baskets are: western red cedar, northwest sweetgrass, red osier, spruce root, willow, and maple. Using tradition with a

bit of a twist, she often varies techniques which she has learned from other cultures.

Ms. de Werd is a local artist who enjoys painting wildlife and people of all ages. She studied art at the University of Illinois Champagne Urbana.

As an Artist with a degree in Architecture, Natasha Kiser has an immense appreciation for the built form. Combining styles of the old masters with a new twist, Natasha pulls inspiration from 18th century artists such as **Giuseppe** Vasi and Giambattista Nolli in their drawings and etchings of Rome. Close studies of her subjects allows her to determine sun angles needed to heighten the play of shadows with natural light, accentuating the depth of the surface and texture of the materials within her subject matter. So far her work has delved deep into our local architectural heritage, shedding light on the built world around us.

Fiddler Chip Cohen plays a hearty mix of Appalachian, Irish, and music from all parts of the globe. Born and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland, Chip fiddled his way across the length and breadth of the United States before landing in Oregon in 1984. He currently lives in Eugene and performs around the Northwest with the Klezmonauts and the Conjugal Visitors.