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### **SPRINGFIELD CITY HALL GALLERY & RECEPTION**

*Artist, Jessica Maxwell's Oregon Farm Series, an exhibit of photographs, will be on display in the City Hall Gallery.*

*A reception will be held on Friday, March 9, 2012 as part of Springfield's Downtown ArtWalk*

Jessica Maxwell's *Oregon Farm Series* chronicles a year of Sunday morning commutes up and down I-5 from Salem to Eugene. Maxwell tried to capture the early eastern light illuminating the farmland to the west, and the golden western light of late afternoon blooming across the farmland to the east. The speed of the car and the gauzy dance of Pacific weather account for the painterly nature of the photographs. The exhibit will be featured in the City Hall Gallery through the month of March.

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, March 9, 2012, from 5-7 pm. Light refreshments will be offered.

Mayor Lundberg will also be available for a "Meet and Greet" during the reception in the Springfield Museum.

Music during the reception will be provided by Jet & Johnny, an upright bass and acoustic guitar duo playing acoustic jazz and blues.

The Friends of the Springfield Library Annual Book Sale will also be open during the reception. Nothing will be priced higher than \$2.

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

**What:** Photographs from Jessica Maxwell's *Oregon Farm Series* on display in the City Hall gallery; art reception as part of Springfield's Second Friday Art Walk. Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale will be open.

**When:** Art reception on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 5-7pm as part of Springfield's Second Friday Art Walk; the artist work will be on display through March 31, 2012.

**Where:** Springfield City Hall, 225 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, OR

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**Artist's Statement:** Jessica Maxwell's *Oregon Farm Series* chronicles a year of Sunday morning commutes up and down I-5 from Salem, where she and her husband moved in 2006, to Eugene to sing in the choir where they met in 2001. Working with a "cheap digital camera," she tried to capture the early eastern light illuminating the farmland to the west, and the golden western light of late afternoon blooming across the farmland to the east. The speed of the car and the gauzy dance of Pacific weather account for the painterly nature of the photographs. Printed in large format, these soft-shouldered images take on French Impressionist sensibilities using color and light to get at soul of the farm elements we've all loved since childhood: barns, fields, tractors, horses and cows. She hopes these images help us remember the loveliness of the Willamette Valley, which we all tend to miss while blasting thorough it at 70 mph.