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

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

November's City Hall Gallery features the landscape paintings of artist Sandy Ryan.

Sandy Ryan's artist statement:

"I grew up on the dry, eastern side of the Rockies in Montana where water in any form was precious and rare. Rivers were a childhood delight, and continue to fascinate me to this day. They are a frequent subject of my paintings and I love to try to capture the particular character of each river and it's surroundings. The majority of the work in this exhibit reflects that interest. Whether the Willamette, the McKenzie, the Calapooia, the Alsea or the Thames, each river has a personality that I have grown to love. This show is, in part, my love song to those rivers.

I earned my MFA in Drawing and Painting at the University of Oregon and taught these same subjects at Oregon State University until my retirement a few years ago. Since then my husband and I have divided each year between Eugene and Oxford, England where I am filled with delight at the wet, wonderful, river-filled climates that both exhibit."

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

Musician Jeff Langston will play electric bass during the reception. Jeff has played bass and guitar for over 20 years. He has performed in venues such as Carnegie Hall and the Royal Albert Hall. He has appeared on the Late Show with David Letterman and performed with musicians Lou Reed, Boy George, Rufus Wainwright, and Shawn Colvin.

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 Sandy Ryan on display in the Springfield City Hall Gallery during November 2012; electric bass by Jeff Langston

**When:** Art reception on Friday, November 9, 2012 from 5-7pm as part of Springfield's Second Friday Art Walk; music by

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

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