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NOVEMBER SPRINGFIELD CITY HALL GALLERY & RECEPTION

A reception will be held on Friday, November 8, 2013 as part of Springfield's Downtown Art Walk

November's City Hall Gallery features photographs from the Grid Project. The Grid Project is a group photography effort organized in March 2008 to systematically photograph the metro Eugene/Springfield region neighborhood by neighborhood. The project is based on a similar model currently under way in Portland.

As part of the project, a group of local photographers have divided a map of Eugene/Springfield into a grid of 60 equal squares roughly one square mile each. Every month a square is chosen at random (denoted by a letter and number, e.g. C&) to designate an area to be photographed by the group members. Each photographer uses his or her own particular perspective and equipment, from pinhole to digital photography. There are no limitations on what can be photographed beyond that it be recorded while standing within the area designated by the map, and there is no specific time for making photographs. They can happen any time during the month. At the end of each month, the group gathers to share work and decided on the next square.

The goals of the project are to make interesting photographs, become intimately familiar with the local geography, and leave a lasting visual document of the region. The Eugene/Springfield Grid project will take roughly five years to complete. All of the photographs to be on display in the Springfield City Hall Gallery will be of places in Springfield.

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 8, 2013 from 5-7 pm. The following photographers from the project will be at the reception to meet the public and talk about their work: Blake Andrews, Jerry Jump and Camilla Dussinger. Light refreshments will be offered.

Live music will be provided by the A3 Group, a student group of jazz musicians at Springfield's Academy of Arts and Academics.

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 the Grid Project; music by the A3 Group; light refreshments

When: Reception on Friday, November 8, 2013 from 5-7 pm; part of Springfield's Second Friday Art Walk.

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

Additional Information: Contact Kristen Curé at (541) 726-2232

Images attached