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Sitka Center Awards Art Scholarships to Local High School Students

OTIS, OR – March 9, 2012 – The Sitka Center for Art and Ecology awards up to 25 art scholarships valued at \$10,000 to students from Taft High School, Newport High School, Nestucca High School, Siletz Valley School, and Career Tech High School. This program is funded by generous grants from the Siletz Tribe Charitable Contribution Fund, William T. Colville Foundation, and Trust Management of Waldport.

In 2011, the Sitka Center awarded art scholarships to 16 students valued at \$5,002.95. Jalene Case, Program Manager at The Center, says, “Last year, the students were so excited to take workshops at the Sitka Center because without the scholarship, they wouldn’t have been able to take classes here. They get to register for whatever workshop they want, with the tuition (ranging from \$65 - \$560) and all material costs covered.”

Two of the students who took a metalsmith workshop together last year said, “My best friend and I were like 6-year-olds at a candy shop when we first came to Sitka. It was great to meet the artists that joined us in Diane’s class. I just hope we can do more soon!” The Center is thrilled to offer just that, another opportunity for high school students to take workshops at no cost.

Local high school art teachers, or the equivalent, are empowered to make the choices so high school students may contact them for more information or contact the Sitka Center at 541.994.5485.

The Sitka Center offers these scholarships with the intention of inspiring high school students to experience making art with instructors who are professional artists and to expand the students’ awareness of the value of art in their life and in our world.

Committed to expanding the relationships between art, nature and humanity, the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology is renowned for its workshop and residency programs. Exploration of the coastal environment has remained a key component to The Center’s vitality. Located near Cascade Head, with views of the Pacific Ocean, the Sitka Center offers a place where artists, writers, scientists, and musicians of all abilities and backgrounds come to nourish and inspire their creativity which ripples out into our world making it a brighter place for all.

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