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Sitka Center for Art and Ecology  
February Artist Salon

Otis, OR - January 27, 2011 - The Sitka Center for Art and Ecology will host an Artist Salon and Potluck on February 3rd, 2011, from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Boyden Studio. Community members are warmly invited to come visit the Sitka Center, meet our new Artists-in-Residence and enjoy a delicious communal meal! The residents will share their work - both visual and literary - and talk about what brought them to the Sitka Center; Sitka will provide a cheery fire, its famous homemade Mac & Cheese, and plenty of space to spread out to share your own edible creations.

Each year from October to May, Sitka offers up to 28 artists, writers, scientists and musicians the chance to live and work at the Center's facility near Cascade Head. The Artist Salons are a way for those residents to share the work that means so much to them, as well as to connect more deeply with the local community they will be a part of for up to 3 1/2 months.

The presentations will begin at 5:30 p.m. Writers Bren Simmers, who hails from Canada, and Josie Sigler, who comes all the way from a tiny island off the coast of Maine, will read their poetry and prose, respectively. Visual artists Phyllis Trowbridge, a plein air painter, and Shannon Berg, who earned her MFA in Installation Art, will discuss their work. To learn more about the residents and their projects head to: [www.sitkacenter.org](http://www.sitkacenter.org).

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, and its support of the local community. Exploration of the coastal environment has remained a key component to the Center's vitality. Located on Cascade Head, with views of the Pacific Ocean, Sitka offers a place where artists of all abilities and backgrounds come to inspire, create, and, ultimately, transform themselves. Head to [www.sitkacenter.org](http://www.sitkacenter.org). or call 541.994.5485 to learn more.

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