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Sitka Center Invites Community to 'Mingle, Muse and Munch' with Kim Stafford May 28, 2011.

Otis, OR - This summer, the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology will host a free series of artists' and writers' talks dubbed "Mingle, Muse and Munch," designed to open the organization's doors even wider to the local community and provide a space for community members to gather. The events coincide with the Sitka Center's Workshop Program and will feature instructors from those classes. "This is a great opportunity for our teachers to share more about their work beyond the classroom," says Event Coordinator Mindy Chaffin, "in an atmosphere that feels really peer-to-peer and sincere."

Long-time Sitka Center instructor and supporter, and renowned local author Kim Stafford will host the first "Muse, Mingle and Munch" event on May 28, 2011. "I see the Sitka Center as a combination of retreat, learning, and community. I'm excited to meet others who are part of the Sitka family for food and creative exchange."

Visual artist Patricia Wheeler, who will host a "Muse, Mingle and Munch" event in June, says she is happy to have a chance to share her love of creativity with others, even those who may hesitate to call themselves 'artists.' "I hope people will be inspired to trust their own vision and to start where they are in their own creative process, whatever that form takes."

All 'Mingle, Muse and Munch' events will run from 4:30-7:00pm and will feature a community potluck. Community members, families, friends and Oregon coast visitors are all warmly invited to come meet new people, explore the Sitka Center campus, eat delicious food, and participate in a generally engaging evening. To see the dates and specific speakers of each event, head to the Sitka Center's website at www.sitkacenter.org or call their office at 541.994.5485.