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Sitka Center for Art and Ecology New Grant Awards and Construction Project

OTIS, OR – The Sitka Center for Art and Ecology is pleased to announce that two smaller, older buildings on campus will be replaced this fall by Quade Construction. Grant support for this capital project totals \$59,500. Sitka also received a grant for general operating support to be used for the Workshop and Residency programs.

An operating support grant received from the Oregon Arts Commission for \$11,400 provides support for 2015. “These grants recognize arts groups who are making ongoing contributions to the quality of life in their communities,” according to the Commission’s announcement. This grant will help Sitka continue to offer high quality, intensive art workshops, engaging public events and residencies to artists, writers, musicians and environmental scientists from around the world.

“To continue offering meaningful programs, it’s important for us to be good stewards of our campus,” remarked Jalene Case, Executive Director. “Sitka spent several months, guided by Boora Architects, in designing a building that fits well into the environment and provides the occupant with a cozy place to call home during their stay at Sitka.”

One new building will replace the Tree House residence and the Bunk House studio. The Tree House was the original Cascade Head Ranch leasing office built in approximately 1967 and moved up the hill to Sitka in 1973. Over the years it has been home for artists-in-residence, instructors and workshop interns. The Bunk House began as a campus restroom in 1973 then was transformed into Sitka's office for years until 1999 when it was converted into a tiny studio for writers-in-residence.

The Center began this construction project on October 13 and completion is slated for January 2015. The project is supported in part by a grant for \$34,500 from the Oregon Cultural Trust: “Oregonians sustaining, developing and participating in our arts, heritage and humanities.” The project is also funded by The Collins Foundation grant for \$25,000 and a previous grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

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, environmental 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. For more details visit www.sitkacenter.org.

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