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The Sitka Center Hosts Open Studio Event with Medford Artist Judy Morris

Medford, OR - On June 3rd the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology will host its third "Sitka A La Road" event at the Medford studio of artist Judy Morris. The "Sitka ala Road" series was added this year, says Development Manager Rebecca Welti, "because there's nothing on earth like the Sitka Center! We want to share more about the organization with people across the region – to let them know we're here. We really want to become a household word." Not only that, but the open studio format will give attendees a rare glimpse into the working life of an artist. "You learn a lot about an artist from seeing their work spaces," Welti contends.

Morris earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in art education from Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon. She taught art at South Medford High School for thirty years before retiring in 1996 to become a full time professional watercolorist. In the last fifteen years Morris has been a popular juror and workshop teacher throughout the country and in Canada, Mexico, England, Switzerland, France, Italy and Japan. Her paintings have received more than fifty national and regional awards and have been included in exhibitions throughout the country.

Morris says she's glad for this chance "to share the Sitka hospitality," and for her visitors to "experience my creative environment. They'll know more about me by seeing where and how I work. Just seeing the space, the tools – even the mess – is a lesson."

The event will take place from 6-8pm in Morris' studio at 2404 East Main Street, Medford, OR 97504, and is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The final Sitka ala Road event will take place in Bend on June 4, with writer Ellen Waterston. For more information about these events and all other Sitka Center programs, visit their website at www.sitkacenter.org or call their office at 541.994.5485.

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. or call 541.994.5485 to learn more.