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**The Sitka Center Hosts Open Studio Event with Eugene Artist Tallmadge Doyle**

*Eugene, OR* - On May 20th, the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology will host its second "Sitka ala Road" event at the Eugene studio of artist Tallmadge Doyle. Located on the Oregon coast just outside Lincoln City, the Sitka Center works to expand the relationships between art, nature and humanity. The "Sitka ala Road" program 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.

Born in New York City, Tallmadge Doyle currently resides in Eugene, Oregon where she has lived and worked since 1989. She received her BFA in drawing from the Cleveland Art Institute and her MFA in printmaking from the University of Oregon where she has taught Printmaking as an Adjunct Professor since 1997. Her work is included in numerous public and private collections including the Portland Art Museum's Gilkey Print Collection, the Oregon State University's Art About Agriculture Collection, the City of Seattle's Portable Works Collection, and the Cleveland Art Association Collection.

"Visiting other artist's studios is a favorite activity of mine," Doyle says. "By visiting in person, you get to see and feel their work environment, and gain insight into an artist's thought process and how they construct work on a physical level. Getting to talk directly to artists about their work and work processes is, in my opinion, the best approach to gain deeper appreciation, insight, and understanding of their work."

The event will take place from 5:30-8pm in Doyle's studio at 2433 City View Street, Eugene, OR 97405, and is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Future Sitka ala Road events will take place in Medford with artist Judy Morris and in Bend with writer Ellen Waterston. For more information about these events and all other Sitka Center programs, visit their website at [www.sitkacenter.org](http://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](http://www.sitkacenter.org). or call 541.994.5485 to learn more.*