

"Wonders of Nevada: Nature as the Artist's Muse" New Nevada Humanities Exhibition Opens August 9, 2021

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August 9, 2021—LAS VEGAS, NV—As part of the ongoing Nevada Humanities Exhibition Series, a new exhibition, Wonders of Nevada: Nature as the Artist's Muse, opens online on August 9, 2021, at nevadahumanities.org and will be on display as a virtual exhibition indefinitely. The exhibition will also be open to the public at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery in Las Vegas until September 22, 2021, with viewing available by appointment only. Visit nevadahumanities.org for information about making an appointment. An exhibition discussion featuring select artists will be led by Kathleen Kuo, Nevada Humanities Program Manager, and will take place as a live Zoom event on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 6 pm. This event requires advance registration; register at nevadahumanities.org.

Wonders of Nevada: Nature as the Artist's Muse is an exhibition of Nevada artists and naturalists working with Nevada Humanities' Nevada Reads: Wonders of Nature creative workshops. Artists and creative experts were invited to submit works that focus on the wonders of Nevada's natural world in the hopes these works will engage the curiosity in all of us to explore and seek out experiences outdoors in Nevada's varied landscapes. Artists and creative Nevadans featured in Wonders of Nevada were selected from across the state and include: Fil Corbitt (Reno), Maria Arango Diener (Las Vegas), Lindsay Dimitri (Reno), Tia Flores (Reno), Jeff Fulmer (Henderson), Candace Garlock (Sparks), Ahren Hertel (Reno), Anne M. Hoff (Las Vegas), Bobbie Ann Howell (Las Vegas), Eunkang Koh (Reno), Jack Malotte (Duckwater), Kristin Meuser (Las Vegas), Meredith Solin (Reno), Sidne Teske (Tuscarora), and Rossitza Todorova (Reno).

The Wonders of Nevada exhibition is inspired by the Nevada Reads Wonders of Nature creative workshops and programs. Nevada Reads is a statewide book club that invites Nevadans to read selected works of literature and then come together in their communities to share ideas and perceptions inspired by the books they have read. Nevada Humanities 2021 Nevada Reads book selections are Miracle Country: A Memoir by Kendra Atleework and World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments by Aimee Nezhukumatathil.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have turned to Nevada's open spaces for outlet and solace. Nevada Humanities has dedicated the 2021-2022 *Nevada Reads* statewide reading program to reading about and exploring Nevada's unique and inspiring outdoor

spaces," says Christina Barr, Nevada Humanities Executive Director. "Nevada is an amazingly beautiful place of contrasts, textures, and colors, of wide spaces, bright skies, and endless stars. We hope this exhibition and the other *Nevada Reads* programs we are producing inspire people to explore the Silver State and live creatively as we chart a path for pandemic recovery."

Wonders of Nevada will be on display at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery until September 22, 2021, and may be viewed by appointment Tuesdays through Thursdays from 1 to 4 pm. Masks are required and numbers are limited to accommodate social distancing as we respond to the continuing changes in the pandemic protocols. Contact Bobbie Ann Howell, Nevada Humanities Program Manager, at (702) 800-4670 or bahowell@nevadahumanities.org to make an appointment to view Wonders of Nevada.

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About Nevada Humanities: Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent, nonprofit state and territorial humanities councils affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public programs and supports public projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to the people of Nevada and their communities. For more information about Nevada Humanities visit nevadahumanities.org.

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