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## **City Hall Gallery Features Mayor's Art Show Winners**

The Springfield Arts Commission is pleased to present an exhibition of work by the winners of the Mayor's Art Show, Colleen Goodwin-Chronister, G. Khalsa and Rachel Marcotte. The show will run from Dec. 1-31, 2017 with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

Colleen Goodwin-Chronister has been a passionate painter for more than 50 years. Her show-stopping contemporary realism piece, "Losing My Marbles," depicts glass marbles spilling from a Mason jar. Goodwin-Chronister has been recognized multiple times at the Mayor's Art Show and is acclaimed across the country.

G. Khalsa, whose mosaic piece "Story Board" won an award at the Mayor's Art Show, has been an artist since she was a child. She began woodworking at 8 years old, carving Northwest Coast Native American designs and carving styles in Alaska in the 1960s.

Rachel Marcotte, an oil painter from Eugene, won an award for her piece, "Springfield Afternoon, Plank Town." The piece depicts a pair of people chatting over beer tasters at Plank Town Brewing Co. in downtown Springfield. Marcotte paints portraits, animals and nature scenes.

The Mayor's Art Show was located at Emerald Art Center from Sept. 30 and Nov. 4, 2017, and featured 238 pieces works from Oregon artists. The Springfield Arts Commission selected Goodwin-Chronister, Khalsa, and Marcotte to win awards and show at the gallery.

In addition to the Mayor's Art Show winners, photographer Don Gustavson will display photography pieces in the gallery cases. Gustavson received his first camera from his father at age 12 and creates unique, personal portraits and landscapes.

The artists will be available to discuss their work at the reception, which is open to the community. The Community Transition Program will host a coffee cart at the reception, and guitarist and composer Jack Radsliff will perform live music.

Located on a ninety-foot wall just outside the entrance to the Springfield Public Library, City Hall Gallery is seen by approximately 3,700 visitors each month. Since 1989, the gallery has featured monthly shows by regional artists chosen by the Springfield Arts Commission. The Commission issues a public call to artists each year. More information is available at [springfieldartscommission.org](http://springfieldartscommission.org).

### **About Springfield Arts Commission**

The Springfield Arts Commission promotes artistic and cultural richness and diversity in the City of Springfield, Ore. and assists in the preservation of the cultural heritage of the community as expressed through artistic endeavors. The Commission seeks to support opportunities for artistic creation, exhibits, performances and events, and to facilitate awareness, communication, education and collaboration to increase the accessibility of the arts and art-related resources in the community. The nine-member volunteer Commission manages City Hall Gallery, administers the Heritage Arts Grant program, maintains Art Alley, a collection of outdoor murals, and supports youth arts programs in collaboration with the Springfield Public Library. The Commission is funded by City of Springfield room taxes. More information is available at [springfieldartscommission.org](http://springfieldartscommission.org).

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