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City Hall Gallery to Feature M.V. Moran Show

The Springfield Arts Commission is pleased to present *peculiar*, an exhibition of work by artist M. V. Moran. The show will run from July 1-31, 2018 with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m., Friday, July 13.

Moran's newest body of work consists of odd, curious drawings that combine the knowledge of mortality with the great curiosity of death. Exploring the odd and curious behavior that follows when family members pass away, *peculiar* responds to expressions of condolences, exchanges of cards, food, and flowers, and the often-felt uselessness of words in response to loss. Moran puts a palette of black, white and gray to work on paper and rectangular wooden panels, representing the exchange of paper for grief and the fragility of the body against the sturdiness of the spirit.

M. V. Moran recently earned her MFA in Visual Studies from Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, Oregon. She has a BFA in Painting from the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon. She currently works in the Eugene-Springfield area.

Moran will be available to discuss her work at the reception, which is open to community members and visitors to the area. The reception will also feature light refreshments and live music by Veneta-based singer-songwriter Jen Sennett Franklin. Franklin blends smooth, easy listening music with folk, pop, and blues fusion.

Located on a 90-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 on the website, springfieldartscommission.org.

About Springfield Arts Commission

The Springfield Arts Commission promotes artistic and cultural richness and diversity in the City of Springfield, Oregon 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.