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LOCAL ARTIST CAPTURES THE THRILL & HEART POUNDING EXCITEMENT OF HORSE RACES

Studios on the Park Artist Jeanette Wolff's "A Day At The Races" To Feature Works of Various Equine Events

Paso Robles, California — Jeanette Wolff, a resident artist at STUDIOS ON THE PARK in Paso Robles, plans to celebrate her lifelong love of horses in an original exhibition during the month of May. "A Day At The Races' will feature Wolff's paintings of equine events in a variety of styles and media.

The legacy of great American horseracing has captivated Wolff for much of her adult life. She began painting horses in 1972 when she moved to "horse country" in Ohio and her daughter had "inherited" her first pony. From that day on, Wolff says, "my life was centered around horses." Within just a few years, three horses lived with her and her family in the field they owned next to their home, her husband had built a barn, and her daughter was showing competitively. Wolff's involvement came in the way she knew best: paint. She explains, "through helping to care for these beautiful creatures and observing them run and play all day I began to feel very connected to them in every way." As an artist, "I simply had to paint them!" Wolff shares, "their movement, gentleness, intelligence, and color just 'got' me." She found local racetracks especially inspiring, and soon began attending major races to capture the excitement and energy. Ultimately, Wolff would share her 18 years in Ohio with seven different horses documented in countless equine paintings.

Wolff began competing in equine art, including Harness Races of America, where she won first place with a watercolor of Harness Racing, and was chosen to paint the poster celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Dayton's Polo Club. She was also represented in galleries in the area and painted commissions of horses for private customers. Wolff continued to attend the major thoroughbred races and polo matches throughout the United States.

She now lives in Cambria, Ca. where she paints more than ever and continues to be captivated by horses, "horse-like" animals, and any events involving them.

The in-studio reception for "A Day At The Races" will be held in conjunction with the 2010 Preakness Stakes (the second race in the annual Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing) on Saturday, May 15. From 5 PM to 7 PM, Wolff welcomes horseracing and art fans to her studio to view the exhibit and enjoy track-inspired treats.

STUDIOS ON THE PARK was founded in December of 2007 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a creative, educational, and transformational experience to enhance understanding and appreciation of the visual arts. STUDIOS ON THE PARK realizes its commitment by making the creative process available to the public. STUDIOS engages and inspires the San Luis Obispo County community and its visitors with a unique open studio environment. STUDIOS features artists working in a variety of media, educational programs for children and adults, and quality exhibitions by regional, national and international artists.

STUDIOS ON THE PARK is located at 1130 Pine Street in historic downtown Paso Robles. For more information, visit www.studiosonthepark.org or call 805-238-9800.