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Eye on the Desert: Desert

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The Art of Nature: Windows to the Mojave

Boulder City, Nevada – Sharon K. Schafer, award-winning artist, naturalist, and southern Nevadan will unveil her latest paintings and photography at Boulder City's 44th Annual Art in Park festival on October 7 and 8. While her educational art has enlightened and inspired visitors of public lands in the west, Schafer is also an accomplished fine artist and photographer of the southern Nevada natural world.

Each painting and photograph is the culmination of years of studio time and a lifetime of observing and learning in the field. Schafer skillfully invites the viewer to take a closer look at nature's exquisite complexity. Her latest projects include images of Sloan Canyon petroglyphs; brilliant beavertail cactus blooms; and a stunning young red-tail hawk in flight. Schafer showcases the natural elements of the region, many of which are often unseen, overlooked, or inaccessible. Each piece is a window to the Mojave with a story behind it.

"I present the art of nature that has formed in this place. A glimpse of hidden beauty can change a one's perception of the desert." says Schafer. Her work truly reflects an in-depth knowledge, obsessive attention to detail, and passion for educating and inspiring through art.

Schafer's past studio work has included educational art commissioned by groups such as the Audubon Society, Bureau of Land Management, the Howard Hughes Corporation, National Park Service, Nevada Arts Council, and U.S. Forest Service, among others. She recently completed a project that includes 30 interpretive wayside exhibits installed at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Schafer's images and educational products are sold throughout the southwest.

Schafer owns and operates Skydance Studio in southern Nevada. Her beautifully artistic yet scientifically accurate images appeal to the art collector and the environmental educator alike. Fittingly, Skydance Studio demonstrates and encourages value, protection, and conservation of the natural world in its products and operation.

Schafer will be showing original paintings and both open and limited edition prints. Art in the Park, which takes place at Bicentennial Park in Boulder City, benefits the non-profit Boulder City Hospital. Learn more about the event at: www.artinthepark.org/

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