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Gift of Public Art “From the Ground Up”

(Woodland, CA) – Today, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors accepted and dedicated a gift of public art from YoloArts, the result of a generous grant from ArtPlace America. The public art piece, by local artist Susan Shelton, is titled “From the Ground Up,” and is permanently installed outdoors on the north side of the Erwin W. Meier Yolo County Administration Building.

The Board of Supervisors has had a long history of supporting art in its public buildings in partnership with YoloArts, a county-wide non-profit arts organization dedicated to increased awareness for the arts and art education. Together, YoloArts and the county have advanced the county’s vision to enhance the public’s experience with visual arts by making available artwork of the highest quality that will in turn, enhance the quality of life in Yolo County and help create a more visually pleasing and humane environment.

A recent grant from ArtPlace America to YoloArts provided the funding for this \$30,000 community project. The images are the artist’s reflection of YoloArts’ nationally recognized Art and Ag Project. Objectives of the Art and Ag Project include: bringing together two unique cultures – artists and farmers; evoking a sense of the exceptional landscape we inhabit and share; reflecting Yolo County farmlands and farmers markets, the bounty of Yolo County and our agricultural heritage; and highlighting the future while celebrating the arts.

This one-of-a-kind, public art piece included a community component with art tiles which surround the Susan Shelton’s effort, and which were painted by farm workers from Yolo County Housing in Madison; representatives for the Yolo County Farm Bureau, Yolo Land Trust, Davis Farm to Fork, and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors; and over 30 Yolo County employees. Each tile showcases collaboration and leaves a legacy of county partnerships in the arts.

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Attachments: Artist’s Statement
Public Art Photo