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Navajo Textile Viewing and Author Talk

(Woodland, CA) – Northeast Arizona, land of the Navajo, is home to mother and daughter Lucy and Ellen Begay. Weaving in the Navajo culture has strong cultural values, and for Lucy and Ellen, weaving is part of their daily rhythm. Author and collector Gary Beaudoin will soon visit Yolo County to discuss and display the Begays' handmade authentic Navajo textiles.

Gary Beaudoin is the author of *Unbroken Web: The Art of Ellen & Lucy Begay, Navajo Weavers*. He is the keeper of a collection of Navajo textiles by the Begays. The collection spans 20 years of their work and each weaving is one-of-a-kind. Living a pastoral life in Northeast Arizona, the remote landscape inspires their weaving designs. The Begays say they weave “what they see”.

From the Navajo perspective, beauty is to be experienced and creativity is a cornerstone of Navajo culture. The Begays' artistry takes diverse design elements and places them into balance. “The designs play with negative-positive space, where foreground becomes background and visa-versa,” said Gary Beaudoin.

Beaudoin will discuss and display the Begays' crafts at the following three Yolo County locations:

- November 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Rumsey Hall, 14380 Manzanita Avenue in Rumsey (suggested \$10 donation)
- November 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Winters Community Library, 708 Railroad Avenue in Winters
- November 22, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, 315 E. 14th Street in Davis

No reservations are required. These events are accessible for persons with disabilities. Presented by Yolo County Friends Groups, all programs free. Book sale and signing available at each event. For more information, contact Joan Tuss at joan.tuss@yolocounty.org.

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