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Gallery 625 Unveiled

(Woodland, CA) – A simple hallway in the Yolo County Erwin W. Meier Administration building has been recently transformed into Gallery 625 – an art exhibition venue for featuring talented Yolo County artists. Gallery 625 is located in the county building at 625 Court Street in Woodland.

Last June, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, in partnership with the Yolo County Arts Council (YCAC), committed to refurbishing the main corridor in the administration building with fresh paint, updated lighting, a professional gallery hanging system, and a new gallery sign. The venue was officially re-opened at a reception held earlier this month.

“The Yolo County Arts Council is pleased with the newly designed space and looks forward to featuring many more Yolo County artists,” said Dorathea De Simone, YCAC Board Member and Exhibition Chair. “We want to especially thank Yolo County Supervisor Mariko Yamada for her support, and for suggesting the name of the gallery.”

The YCAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of, and public participation in the arts. The organization is the designated state/local partner for the California Arts Council and is designated by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors as the central agency for the arts in Yolo County. The YCAC believes that integration of artwork as a component in any public building is essential to humanizing the space and in creating public value for all aspects of the arts.

Public art can also be found in other Yolo County facilities including the Department of Employment & Social Services, the Juvenile Detention Facility, the Probation Department and the Herbert Bauer, M.D. Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Building. Exhibitions in the Administration building feature a mixture of mediums. In addition to adult artists, the gallery displays artwork of students from Yolo County secondary and elementary schools and community-based arts workshops.

Free artist receptions are held on selected first Fridays, sponsored by the YCAC. Gallery 625 is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The next reception will be held March 7, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will feature Yolo County’s Women’s Art - Women’s Vision in celebration of Women’s History Month.

“After a long day grappling with complex county issues, I look forward to a stroll through Gallery 625 on my way out the door,” said Yolo County Supervisor Mariko Yamada. “Art is at once soothing and uplifting, a treat for both the eye and the spirit.”

For more information about the Yolo County Arts Council and exhibitions visit: www.yoloarts.org or call (530) 406-4844.

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