

'100 Views of Mt. Konocti Art Show' takes place July 3 through 29

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LOWER LAKE – The Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum will present a benefit show and sale of works from Lake County artist Renee Geare's oil painting project, "100 Views of Mount Konocti," from July 3 through 29.

The show and sale will feature the first 50 of 100 oil paintings depicting current people, locations and events in the cities and countryside surrounding Mount Konocti.

The show will be open during the Museum's regular operating hours, Wednesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (closed Saturday, July 4, for the holiday). Visitors can meet the artist at the Museum on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Geare's oil-painting project theme coincides with the current efforts by Lake County to acquire 1,520 acres on top of Mount Konocti. The acquisition is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, encompassing all four peaks and putting much of the mountain into public hands for perpetuity.

Geare will donate 20 percent of the proceeds of the sales to the Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum and 10 percent of the proceeds to help preserve Mount Konocti as open space. Information about the acquisition is available online at www.PreserveKonocti.org.

An active member of the California Art Club, Oil Painters of America, Lake County Arts Council, and the Konocti Plein Air Painters, Geare has studied art privately and in small groups with renowned artists Rafael Maniago, Margot Lennartz and Junn Roca.

With Edgar Payne and the early California impressionists as influences, Geare's passionate expressions of life in Lake County are of museum-quality. One of her paintings hangs in the Naval Historical Museum in Washington D.C.

Geare held a showing of the "100 Views of Mount Konocti" in December and, in conjunction with Lake County Wine Studio in Upper Lake, donated \$400 toward the Mount Konocti acquisition fundraising efforts.

To view samples of Geare's artwork, visit www.gearestudios.com.

Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum is located at 16435 Main St., Lower Lake.

For more information about the benefit show and sale, call 707-995-3565.