

## Calistoga Celebrates Arts in April

Month-long artistic feast pairs local businesses, artists

CALISTOGA, CA, UNITED STATES, March 21, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A collaboration of artists and businesses within the entire Napa Valley will be celebrated throughout the month of April with the 6th annual Napa Valley "Arts in April" event. The vision of Arts in April is to foster a unique, identifiable sense of place through locally produced and presented events paired with Napa Valley's wine, culinary and resort offerings to increase cultural tourism. Featured works will span artistic disciplines, genres and decades. Below are Calistoga-specific Arts in April events:

April 1 - May 1: MoMA/Museum of McDonough's Art - Olabisi Tasting Room Photographer Robb McDonough will show his ongoing "Napa County Project" as well as a preview to "The California Counties Project" at the new Olabisi Tasting Room located downtown Calistoga. The opening reception is Saturday, April 9 at 5:30pm.

April 1 – May 27: Sterling Vineyards - 500 Years of Wine in Art Selected from the Sterling Vineyards Print Portfolio, the exhibition presents examples of the printmaker's craft as well as a cultural appreciation of wine through centuries of art. Prints include work by 15th- and 16th-century artists such as Hans Baldung, Jose de Ribera and Lucas van Leyden, as well as later artists including Marc Chagall and Pablo Picasso. Media contact: Graham Jones, graham.jones@tweglobal.net

April 1 – May 1: Calistoga Spa Hot Springs - Calistoga Camera Club Now in its third year, Calistoga Spa Hot Springs will host the works of the Calistoga Camera Club. Members of the club will display unique works of photography in large format. Think of high gloss chrome paper, aluminum, Plexiglas and other materials used for an "In Your Face" presentation. Club members include amateur and former AP and National Geographic photographers. Media contact: Michael Lennon, mlennon@calistogaspa.com

April 9: Lee Youngman Galleries "Vine to Wine" Artists' Reception

Bringing together two extremely talented artists, Lee Youngman Galleries will present Raymond Mendieta and Wayne McKenzie in a "Vine to Wine" Artists' Reception on Saturday, April 9, 2-5:00 pm at the gallery's location on 1316 Lincoln Avenue in Calistoga. Mendieta, well-collected for his beautiful Napa Valley vineyards, visually takes you on a tour from morning to evening of the vines in Wine County. McKenzie, in his first Lee Youngman Galleries show, paints tantalizing images of wine in the glass, as it's meant to be enjoyed!

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## **ENGAGE Art Fair**

As a destination located at the top of the Napa Valley, Calistoga will showcase its arts-inspired presence throughout the month, culminating with ENGAGE Art Fair, a two-day signature event of Arts in April that will be held April 30 and May 1, 10am to 4pm each day at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga. Presented by Celebrate! Napa Valley in collaboration with Arts Council Napa Valley, Visit Napa Valley and Napa Valley Museum, This annual, curated and immersive event features some of the Bay Area's best artists, craftspeople and performers, who come to Calistoga to meet, create and engage with the public.

ENGAGE 2016 will also feature its second Artist-in-Residence, painter Angela Tirrell, a native of San Francisco who splits her time between a home in Napa and with family in Inverness. During both days of the event, Angela will be working live on one of her large abstract pieces and demonstrating how she incorporates unusual textural materials into her work (such as mica, glass, straw, raw pigments and even objects like BB-gun pellets and acupuncture needles). In her work, Angela explores the range of conditions on earth, from the brutal to the miraculous. Her creative talents extend from those in the studio to large-scale mural and decorative painting, color consulting and xeric garden design. Prior to the event, Angela will create a 'planted painting' in the flower beds outside the main entrance of the Tubbs Building, the Fairgrounds building where ENGAGE takes place.

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For more information about Arts in April and ENGAGE Art Fair, go to VisitCalistoga.com or call (707) 942-6333.

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