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**Arkansas Arts Center Announces the  
52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Delta Award Winners and Accepted Artists**

**(LITTLE ROCK, AR)** – The Arkansas Arts Center announces the award winners and accepted artists for the *52nd Annual Delta Exhibition*, on view January 29 – March 14, 2010. Juror Martha Tedeschi, curator in the Department of Prints and Drawings at the Art Institute of Chicago, chose 51 works for the exhibition and selected the Grand Award, Delta Awards and Honorable Mentions.

The *Delta Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture* was founded in 1956 to feature contemporary work by artists from Arkansas and bordering states. Today, the annual *Delta Exhibition* has grown to encompass works in all media and is a showcase for the dynamic vision of artists of the Mississippi Delta region. The diversity of art reflects the region's strong traditions of craftsmanship and observation, combined with innovative use of materials and an experimental approach to subject matter.

The Grand Award was awarded to Kyle Chaput of Corpus Christi, Texas, for his lithograph titled *Oso Bay Site 47*. Kathy Bay of Sherwood received a Delta Award for

her work *Txtrd Msg*, acrylic and collage on paper. Kat Wilson of Ft. Smith also received a Delta Award for *Artist: Rudy, Arkansas*, a digital print.

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Sheila Cantrell of Batesville for *Pitchers and Pears*, colored pencil; S.L. Dickey of Columbus, Miss., for *The Unwritten Chance*, dimensional screen print triptych; Greer Farris of Fort Smith for *Epines Si Vous Plait*, pine, rose and bois d'arc; Whitney Leland of Knoxville, Tenn., for *2008 VIII*, watercolor on paper; Dennis McCann of Maumelle for *North Little Rock Neighborhood*, pastel; and Kate Rivers of Ada, Okla., for *Traveler*, license plate, keys and found objects.

Artists from Arkansas who were accepted into the 52<sup>nd</sup> *Annual Delta* include: Ed Barham, Meredith Beau, Jane Colclasure, Ted Grimmett, Anne Haley, Steve Hollis, Andy Huss, Erin Lorenzen, Jason McCann, Liz Noble, Don Phillips, Dominique Simmons and Marjorie Williams-Smith, all of Little Rock; Latoya Hobbs, Callie Mott Matthews and Vicki Mott Matthews, all of North Little Rock; Mac Hornecker and Carey Roberson, both of Arkadelphia; Joe Bruhin, Fox; Don Lee, Ft. Smith; Joshua Miller, Benton; Katherine Monroe, Roland; Ed Pennebaker, Green Forest; Mary Shelton, Cabot; Zeek Taylor, Eureka Springs; Craig Allen Voligny, Fayetteville; and Steven Wise, Rogers.

Accepted regional artists include: Jimpie Ayres, Donna Blackard and Melissa Dunn, all of Memphis, Tenn.; Janet Akers, Vicksburg, Miss.; Joey Borovicka, Springfield, Mo.; Steven Brown, Chickasha, Okla.; Jo Crow, Hutchinson, Kan.; Robert Green, Abilene, Texas; Timothy Harding, Fort Worth, Texas; Jean Hess, Knoxville, Tenn.; Olivette Hubler, Dallas; Robert Lansden, New Orleans; David Orr, Chicago; Ellen

Soffer, Shreveport, La.; Gerry Wubben, Lake Charles, La.; and Peggy Wyman, Macomb, Mo.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> *Annual Delta Exhibition* is sponsored by Justice Robert and Mary Lynn Dudley; Dianne and Bobby Tucker; and Sam and Janet Alley. The Grand Award is supported by The John William Linn Endowment Fund. The exhibition is supported by the Andre Simon Memorial Trust in memory of everyone who has died or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

For more information, call 501-372-4000 or visit [www.arkarts.com](http://www.arkarts.com).

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Contact:** 501-372-4000

**Location:** Arkansas Arts Center – 9<sup>th</sup> and Commerce, Little Rock, AR 72202

Free Admission.

**Gallery Hours:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Closed Monday & Major Holidays

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