



City of Ketchum

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Fabric Artwork Featured in New Exhibit at Ketchum City Hall

Works by Local Artists Leslie Rego, Janet Starr and Rod Kagan

KETCHUM, IDAHO – Works by two local fabric artists will hang in City Council Chambers for a year in the second “Art in City Hall Exhibit.”

Featured artists are Leslie Rego and Janet Starr, whose works are included in collections throughout the U.S. and abroad.

“The works are so glorious and so rich. They enliven the council chambers with beauty and showcase local talent. I love it and am so thankful to the Arts Commission and the artists who are willing to share their work,” Mayor Nina Jonas said.

Jonas initiated the concept to enliven the Council Chambers in 2014, and the Ketchum Arts Commission (KAC) subsequently juried an exhibition that included photography and monoprints last year. This year, the Commission elected to feature fabric art, and invited several local artists to submit samples of their work to jurors.

Rego and Starr cite Idaho’s landscape as inspiration for their art. Rego is particularly known for her unusual color combinations, and Starr, for her use of rich saturated color and bold graphic design.

Council chambers now also includes a bronze bench, a gift to the city by the family of the Wood River Valley’s late Rod Kagan, whose sculpture is in the Smithsonian Institute as well as other museums around the country. Kagan is the sculptor whose towering columns, “The Idaho Totems,” are beside the Wood River Community YMCA and are another gift to the city from his family.

The fabric wall hangings are available for purchase. Additional information on the artists is on their websites: www.leslierego.com and www.janetstarr.com.

The Ketchum Arts Commission was formed by the City of Ketchum in 2009 to integrate arts and culture into the community’s life. It is composed of a nine member volunteer board as well as ex-officio representatives of the Ketchum Parks and Recreation Department and the Ketchum Community Development Corporation. For more information, please visit www.ketchumidaho.org/ketchumartscommission.

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About the City of Ketchum

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit

www.ketchumidaho.org.

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