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**Western Folklife Center Co-Sponsors New Smithsonian Exhibit with the  
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest:  
*Inspirations from the Forest***

**Offers Day of Arts Workshops in Lamoille Canyon, June 14**

Elko -- The Western Folklife Center will host *Inspirations from the Forest*, an exhibition that illustrates how artists, writers and musicians draw inspiration from the world of nature. The 16-panel exhibition opens June 6 and runs through June 22 in the Western Folklife Center's G Three Bar Theater. Admission is free.

No matter who you are, or where you live, you can be inspired by your environment. Many of the artists and writers featured in this exhibition have drawn from their experiences in the outdoors to transform natural materials into splendid objects of beauty. The exhibition developed from the 2005 Smithsonian Folklife Festival program, *Forest Service, Culture and Community*, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Forest Service by highlighting the occupational and cultural traditions of those who live and work in our nation's forests and rangelands. *Inspirations from the Forest* is produced by the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

The Western Folklife Center and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will also offer *Inspirations from Lamoille Canyon*, a workshop series in Lamoille Canyon on Saturday, June 14, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The one-day event is designed to help you draw your own inspiration from the world of nature and features workshops for adults and kids, a storytelling session, Dutch-oven lunch and nature walks. To register for the workshops, contact the Western Folklife Center at 775-738-7508. For more information about the exhibition and workshops, contact Tamara Kubacki at 775-738-7508, ext. 223, or visit [www.westernfolklife.org](http://www.westernfolklife.org).

**Inspirations from Lamoille Canyon**

Location: Lamoille Canyon Powerhouse Picnic Area

Time: 9:00—9:30 Workshop Registration  
9:30—12:30 Morning Workshops  
12:30—2:00 Lunch and Storytelling  
2:00—5:00 Afternoon Workshops

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## **Morning Workshops**

### **For adults**

#### ***Nature Sketchbook with Sidne Teske (9:30 am to 12:30 pm) Fee: \$15***

Artist Sidne Teske, featured in the *Inspirations from the Forest* exhibit, will teach participants how to start an artist's sketchbook, finding inspiration from the beauty of Lamoille Canyon. Bring a sketchbook, pencils, watercolors and brushes

#### ***Forest as Muse with Jeff Weise (9:30 am to 12:30 pm) Fee: \$15***

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest employee Jeff Weise finds inspiration for his poetry all around him. Jeff will share that inspiration in this writing workshop for writers of all levels. Please bring a notebook or journal and pen or pencil.

### **For kids:**

#### ***Drawing Nature (9:30 to 11:00 am) Fee: \$5***

Find a comfortable spot to draw the inspirational vistas of Lamoille Canyon. Art supplies will be provided, or bring your own drawing or painting supplies.

#### ***Imaging Nature (11:00 am to 12:30 pm) Fee: \$5***

Cynthia Delaney will help students take stunning cyanotype murals. Materials will be provided to produce art in this centuries-old technique that produces a blueprint-looking image when exposed to light.

#### **Dutch-Oven Lunch (12:30 to 2:00 pm) Fee: \$5 per plate**

Enjoy a tasty Dutch oven meal prepared by US Forest Service employees.

#### ***Stories from the Forest* Free**

Listen to artists who also work in the forests talk about how the forest inspires their work and their art.

## **Afternoon Workshops**

### **For adults**

#### ***Photography (2:00 to 5:00 pm) Fee: \$15***

Local photographer Cynthia Delaney will show participants the tricks of the trade, including composition, color and light. Bring a camera.

#### ***Colored Pencil Drawing with Melody Asher (2:00 to 5:00 pm) Fee: \$15***

Retired Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest employee Melody Asher continues to be inspired by the forest. Join her in a workshop devoted to expressing that inspiration in the subtle tones of colored pencils. Bring colored pencils. Paper will be provided.

#### ***Open Air Studio (2:00 to 5:00 pm) Free***

Do you want to draw, paint, write or take photographs but don't need a workshop? Bring your art supplies to find inspiration in the forest while creating alongside others during this open air studio. Hosts will be on hand for questions.

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**For kids**

***Pinyon Pine Poetry (2:00 to 3:30 pm) Fee: \$5***

Let the forest inspire you in this poetry writing workshop with poet and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest employee Jeff Weise. Please bring a notebook or journal and pen or pencil.

***The Canyon Moves Me! (3:30 to 5:00 pm) Fee: \$5***

This workshop will explore the inspirations of nature through movement and dance. Led by Perpetual Motion Dance Academy Director Yong Pratt.

*The mission of the Western Folklife Center is to enhance the vitality of American life through the experience, understanding, and appreciation of the diverse cultural heritage of the American West.*

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