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October 28, 2014 – Stremmel Gallery presents “**Painting the West**,” a landscapes exhibition featuring five Nevada artists. The opening reception for **Ron Arthaud, Jean LeGassick, Craig Mitchell, Charles Muench, and Jeff Nicholson** is **5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2014**. The plein-air painters will exhibit works depicting the varied and unique landscapes that distinguish our region, including the Great Basin, Sierra, and other awe-inspiring areas of Nevada. The show will continue through **December 20, 2014**. Both the opening reception and the exhibition are free to the public.

Tuscarora’s **Ron Arthaud** captures the abstract in nature, squinting and closing one eye, imagining a painting. His works are often about expressing the beauty in ordinary, discarded objects: rusty cars, a broken down fence, or the shadows cast from old pickets in the snow. Renown Medical Center and Reno City Hall are among Ron’s numerous exhibitions.

Jean LeGassick’s inspiration derives from nature in its rawest form: untouched and unexplored. The Silver City resident hikes, snowshoes, and even mule packs to remote peaks, hidden canyons, windswept desert outcroppings, and rocky shorelines in order to record immediate and spontaneous responses with her brush and canvas. Jean was featured as one of six artists filmed for the nationally-televised PBS series, “Plein-Air: Painting the American Landscape.”

Craig Mitchell’s modern take on classic impressionism aims to engage viewers into looking at a captured, transient moment in time and space. Armed with painting materials and a 16-foot self-contained trailer, the Reno-based artist paints on location in concentrated intervals, carefully extracting candid observations of his natural surroundings. Collectors of Craig’s works include the

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Nevada Museum of Art, the Whittemore Peterson Institute, and Renown Medical Center.

The West provides the perfect canvas for Gardnerville's **Charles Muench**. Visiting the same location at different times of day, every season, allows Muench to form a deeper relationship with his subject matter. Charles was featured in the 2014 Coeur d'Alene Art Auction, the biggest western art sale in the country.

Silver City's **Jeff Nicholson** is known for his paintings of the high desert, particularly focusing on the Nevada landscape. His works celebrate the boom and bust of man's tenure on the land, as well as the primal beauty of untouched locales. He is fluent in both oils and watercolors. Jeff's work can be found in the permanent collections of the Nevada Museum of Art, the Governor's Mansion, and the University of Nevada, Reno.

For more information, or to schedule a private viewing of the "Painting the West" exhibition, please call Stremmel Gallery at **775-786-0558**, or visit **www.stremmelgallery.com**. Stremmel Gallery is located at **1400 South Virginia Street in Reno, Nevada**. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays.