

PAINTING THE WEST

STREMMEL GALLERY

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Reception: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2013. Free to the public.

April 22, 2013 – Stremmel Gallery will host an opening reception for Nevada artists **Ron Arthaud, Jean LeGassick, Craig Mitchell, Charles Muench, and Jeff Nicholson**. 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 Northern Nevada. The show will continue through June 15, 2013.

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

The West provides the perfect canvas for Gardnerville's **Charles Muench**. Visiting the same

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location at different times of day, every season, allows Muench to form a deeper relationship with his subject matter. Charles' *Sierra Classic*, a piece featured in Stremmel Gallery's upcoming "Painting the West" exhibition, graced the cover of April's *Southwest Art* magazine.

Silver City's **Jeff Nicholson** is known for his paintings of the high desert, particularly that which is indigenous to Nevada. His paintings 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.