

## **“Beneath One Sky”**

### **New Paintings by South Lake Tahoe’s Phyllis Shafer**

Exhibition dates: October 10 – November 9, 2013

Reception: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2013. Free to the public.

**September 3, 2013 - Stremmel Gallery** proudly presents **Phyllis Shafer’s “Beneath On Sky,”** the preamble to the **Nevada Museum of Art’s (NMA)** February 2014 exhibition for the artist. **Shafer’s** exhibition of new paintings catalogs her observations of the Sierra Nevada Mountains - from Yosemite to Lake Tahoe. **“Beneath One Sky,”** the fifth solo exhibition for the South Tahoe artist at **Stremmel Gallery,** will run from October 10 through November 9, 2013. The opening reception is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 10, 2013, and is free to the public. Approximately 40 paintings will be included in the show, ranging in sizes from 8 by 10 inches to 18 x 46 inches.

“I find that when I am comfortable and familiar with a place – the **Sierra Nevada Mountains** around **Lake Tahoe,** my artistic attention turns more toward the narrative possibilities that I see in specific landscape formations rather than straight reporting,” **Shafer** says. “Painting famous icons like **Half Dome** in **Yosemite National Park** encourages another kind of awareness: painting in out-of-the-way spots that only a local might know, which allows me the freedom to use the landscape as a metaphor for my own purposes.

“Another first for me in this exhibition was the chance to hike into some remote spots in the **Sierra Mountains** with the aid of pack mules and knowledgeable friends to guide me,” **Shafer** says. “Those friends, who are much more experienced in the backcountry than I, had only one requirement: I was not allowed to title any paintings with the exact location of these special spots. Hence, the paintings from those excursions have been labeled with such names as, *Secret Meadow* and other misleading monikers.”

After receiving a Master of Fine Arts degree from the **University of California, Berkeley** in 1988, **Shafer** continued to exhibit her work and teach part-time in the **San Francisco Bay Area.** In 1994, she moved to **Lake Tahoe,** a place that deepened her interest in the natural world and the metaphorical possibilities it provides for painting subjects.

She has shown widely throughout the region, including at the **NMA, Churchill Arts Council,** and **Sacramento’s Crocker Art Museum.** Her work is featured in the permanent collections of the **NMA, Artown, Desert Research Institute,** and **Renown Health.**

High-resolution images are available upon request. For more information, please visit us at [www.stremmelgallery.com](http://www.stremmelgallery.com), or call 775-786-0558. **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.