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FAC elects new Officers for Board of Trustees

COLORADO SPRINGS (Dec. 5, 2007) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center announces that **Jon Stepleton** will succeed **Carol Kleiner** as the Chair of the FAC Board of Trustees following Board elections at the Annual Review Members Meeting last week. Kleiner completed her two-year term as Chair and will remain on the Board through 2008.

“We are grateful for the outstanding vision and leadership of Carol Kleiner and her team of officers, **Sally Hybl**, **Les Gruen**, and **Denny Weber**,” said FAC Interim CEO **Shawn Raintree**.

“They led us through an extraordinary time of unprecedented growth in membership, giving, and programming that led to the construction of our new facility. The staff is very familiar with Jon and his leadership style; we are looking forward to working with our new Board to accomplish our mission.”

Stepleton was honored in November by Freedom Communications as the inaugural recipient of the Spirit of Freedom Award, which is given to an individual who serves the community with integrity and respect and with a commitment to freedom, individual rights and lifelong learning.

2008 FAC Board Officers

Jon Stepleton, Chair

Stepleton is the Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Community College Foundation and currently works as a philanthropic advisor to the Woodford Foundation. He served at The Gazette as Associate Publisher in 2002 after 30 years in the newspaper business.

Chris Jenkins, Vice-Chair

Jenkins is the Vice President at Nor'Wood Development Group, who brought the FAC MODERN to the Plaza of the Rockies, and serves on many boards in Colorado Springs, including the Downtown Partnership and COPPER.

Dan O'Rear, Treasurer

O'Rear, the Vice President and CFO for Goodwill Industries, is currently on the Board at the Humane Society and serves on the Pikes Peak United Way Stewardship Committee.

Susie Burghart, Secretary

Burghart is a long-time community leader and volunteer, serving on four FAC committees. She is Past President of the Junior League of Colorado Springs and the Girls Scouts Wagon Wheel Council.

Incoming Trustees

Three new incoming Trustees will join the Board:

Robin Hardie, the Director at Freedom Communications, serves on the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Board; **Greg Papineau**, CPA and Partner at BiggsKofford, PC, currently Board Chair at Mount St. Francis Nursing Center; and **Meredith Vaughan**, Vice President of Account Planning for PRACO.

Second-Term Trustees

Board of Trustee members elected to a second term include: **Cindy Dunn**, **Jennifer George**, **Anita Lane** and **Denny Weber** (past treasurer).

Retiring Trustees

Trustees retiring from the Board are **Les Gruen** (past secretary), **Sally Hybl** (past vice-chair), **Dana McDermott** and **Christy Brown Walsh**.

Living Treasure Award

The Advisory Council honored former Board member and Advisory Council chair **Sue Tyson** with the annual Living Treasure award for her tireless and substantial contributions to the FAC and other Colorado Springs' non profit organizations.

ABOUT THE FINE ARTS CENTER

Founded in 1936, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is a privately funded, non-profit art museum, performing arts theatre, and arts education center. A two-story, 48,000 square-foot expansion was unveiled in August 2007 which complements the original 1936 John Gaw Meem building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit www.csfineartscenter.org

2008 FAC Board of Trustees

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