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Department of Parks and Recreation seeks local Picassos, Rockwells, and promising artists

Sacramento, California, May 20, 2009—The City of Sacramento, Department of Parks and Recreation is best known for wonderful parks and recreational opportunities but few know the Department also dabbles in the arts. The Department's **Marjorie R. Smith Walk Through Gallery** is now accepting applications from local artists who wish to showcase their works for one month.

The Smith Gallery celebrates the legacy of Marjorie R. Smith, a dedicated City employee who, during her time with the Department, established numerous art initiatives for youth and developed marketing materials that introduced residents to the Department's programs and services. Sadly, in 1988, Ms. Smith's life was cut short after a long but brave battle against cancer.

"Marjorie Smith was an instructor, a mentor, and a co-worker; but most of all, she was a dear friend," said Dave Mori, retired Parks official and colleague of Ms. Smith. "Her twenty plus years as an arts supervisor for the Department was devoted to providing visual and performing arts experiences to the youth of Sacramento."

Artists who showcase their works at the Smith Gallery will not only have their works viewed by the estimated 20,000 people who visit the center each month, they can also sell their art without having to pay commission to the Department. Works are displayed for 30-day periods, beginning on the first of each month. The gallery consists of four glass cases. Artists must fill all four cases with art if their works are selected for display.

The Marjorie R. Smith Walk Through Gallery is housed at the Coloma Community Center – 4623 T Street.

Residents who wish to showcase art at the gallery should contact the Coloma Community Center at (916) 808-6060.

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