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Celebrate Art and Conservation at FoundSpace with the Jackson Hole Land Trust and Public Art

Wilson, Wyoming – The Jackson Hole Land Trust (JHLT), in partnership with Jackson Hole Public Art (JHPA), invites the community to join five local artists at the fourth annual FoundSpace installation at Emily Steven’s Park in Wilson. The event asks the community to interact with art installations and explore protected open spaces while celebrating the crossroads of art and conservation.

The community is invited to join the 2018 FoundSpace launch celebration on Thursday, June 7 from 5 –8 PM and are encouraged to engage with the five local FoundSpace artists at Emily Steven’s Park leading to three miles of public access along the levee and the Wilson Bridge. The unveiling of the art installations will feature local food options from Café Genevieve truck for \$2, free refreshments from Roadhouse Brewing, and live music from Jess Camilla O’Neal and the Neversweat Players.

The first 200 event attendees to visit all of the installations throughout the park will receive a custom, limited-edition FoundSpace printed bandana featuring artwork by Cal Brackin and hand printed by Walt Gerald. The FoundSpace installations will remain in place until the day after the JHLT Annual Picnic on August 12.

As the fourth iteration of FoundSpace, this year’s artists will use natural objects that reflect on a playful spirit, using found objects gathered by the artists in Emily Steven’s Park. The theme for this year’s installations is “Small Things, Big Impact,” and links together three-dimensional sculpture, poetry, and screen-printing. The artists – Matt Daly, Jenny Dowd, Brittany Hill, Bland Hoke, and Bronwyn Minton – will be on site during the June 7th event to provide information and inspiration.

“FoundSpace allows me to create art that is inspired by the conservation property itself. My *Looksees* are tall, humorous characters that provide interactive ways of looking at and seeing the landscape through a spyglass hole,” said Bronwyn Minton, four-time FoundSpace artist. “You are encouraged to explore your surroundings out on this beautiful open space while keeping in mind the smaller pieces.”

Emily Steven’s Park is a JHLT protected conservation property owned by Teton County, and managed by Teton County Parks and Recreation, located 5 miles from Jackson Town Square, and 2 miles from Downtown Wilson. Emily Stevens gifted the property to Teton County in 1992, ensuring that the property would always be a place open to the public for quiet

recreation and enjoyment. In keeping with both Stevens' wishes and the terms of the conservation easement, the Teton County Parks and Recreation Department has added simple parking, bathroom, and picnic facilities and in the winter and spring grooms the ski track on the levee. Hundreds of people visit the property each day, every season of the year, to walk, run, ski, or just enjoy the river and the great views north to the Tetons. When Stevens passed away in 2001, she left a legacy of conservation that ranged far and wide.

"We are thrilled to have this year's artists creating art on the protected land along the levee at Emily Steven's Park – which is one of the best public-access places for outdoor recreation in our area, especially for dog owners," said Jenn Sparks, JHLT Board Member. "The venue is an ideal place to engage the community through artistic experiences and bring awareness to the open spaces and accessible local pathway systems throughout the valley. We are grateful to partner with other organizations in Northwestern Wyoming which serve to create a high quality of life through art and conservation."

FoundSpace is supported in part by funding from the Wyoming Arts Council, the Center of Wonder, and Arts For All.

For more information on the history of the project, event details, and a map of the installations, please visit jhlandtrust.org/get-involved/FoundSpace.

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About the Jackson Hole Land Trust

The Jackson Hole Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization that was established in 1980 to protect and steward the treasured landscapes of Northwest Wyoming including Fremont and Sublette counties. With over 55,000 acres protected, our vision is a legacy of protected open spaces, wildlife habitat, working lands and community spaces that inspire current and future generations. For more information, please visit jhlandtrust.org.

About Jackson Hole Public Art

Jackson Hole Public Art forges partnerships for the integration of art into any environment to inspire lasting cultural, educational and economic benefits. As a leading presenter of public artist-driven projects in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, JHPA focuses on placing artworks outside the traditional venues of museums and galleries, providing access for everyone to discover the art of our time.