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First Friday Unveiling Set for Latest Window Alive! Displays

Empty storefronts in Downtown Yakima will come alive again on Friday, March 3rd when the talents of local artists are put on public display. Four years ago, the Yakima Arts Commission, an advisory group appointed by the Yakima City Council, developed the idea to harness the creativity of Central Washington artists.

Following a submission and evaluation process, outstanding artists from the region were chosen to be part of the latest %Windows Alive!+exhibition, which will run from March 3rd until September 6th along the north side of Yakima Avenue between Hotel Maison and 3rd Street.

To kick off the project's spring-summer 2017 exhibition, artists whose work is featured in the latest display will be on hand on **Friday, March 3rd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** along the sidewalk on the north side of Yakima Avenue between 3rd Street and 4th Street. That section of sidewalk is adjacent to the windows featuring the spring-summer 2017 exhibition installations.

The artists chosen to display their work will be available to talk about their pieces. The event will be held in conjunction with %First Friday+activities in Downtown Yakima, which showcases local wineries, restaurants and shops with specials and entertainment.

The artists who were chosen for the latest %Windows Alive!+exhibition are: collaborators John Barany and Deborah Ann from Yakima, Susan Michael Harris of Yakima, T.A. Harris from Yakima, Pamela Searcy, also from Yakima, Jean Fritts of Selah, and Michelle Wyles from Tieton. Each chosen artist received a \$250 stipend.

In addition to the contributions made to the project by the Yakima Arts Commission, support has been provided by the City of Yakima, JEM Development, Inc. and Hotel Maison.

Additional information is available at <http://www.windowalive.com/>