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# Reconnect with Nature Through Paintings at the FAC

*COLORADO SPRINGS* (*May 25, 2016*) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is pleased to announce the June 3 and July 1 First Friday Art Parties will feature the beautiful oil paintings of local artist Deb Komitor — on view and available for purchase June 3—July 31, 2016.

#### **About Deb Komitor**

Born and raised in Ohio, Deb Komitor spent her childhood enjoying the wealth of nature climbing trees and spending hours in creeks catching tadpoles and butterflies. Always drawing and creating, Komitor received a scholarship to attend Columbus College of Art and Design where she earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA). She then went on to receive her Master of Fine Arts (MFA) at Colorado State University where she fell in love with Colorado.

Komitor moved to Colorado Springs in 1997. She creates her art in a large, light filled studio located in an old school house built in 1902. Komitor finds endless inspiration in all that surrounds her. Her landscape paintings express the joy, wonder and hope she feels in nature through a distinct style all her own. One can feel the energy in each brushstroke as her paintings convey the forces and serenity in nature.

"I want my paintings to bring the viewer back to nature. I want them to slow your breath, clear your mind, and ease you into quiet peace," said Deb Komitor.

# About First Friday at the FAC

Since May of 2015, the FAC has presented a number of exhibitions featuring local and regional artists in its Deco Lounge – each celebrated with a vibrant First Friday Art Party which includes artist talks and demonstrations, music, exclusive giveaways to FAC events, a cash bar, and the stunning ambience offered by the chic, historic Deco Lounge event space.

# First Friday Art Party

When: June 3 5-7p & July 1 5-7:30p

Where: Deco Lounge at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

Cost: FREE Admission and Parking

**Something else:** While you're there, be sure and check out the Colorado Originals program featured in the FAC Museum Shop featuring many current and past First Friday artists. The vision of this program is to make collectible, contemporary, Colorado-made artwork accessible to everyone.

### **Fine Arts Center**

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's (FAC) story began in 1919 as the Broadmoor Art Academy (BAA). After the Great Depression hit in 1929, the BAA looked at diversifying further, expanding into an entire arts district under one roof. And that's how the FAC came to be, as it is known today. The name was changed to the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and an expansive building was created to house a multi-disciplinary center for the arts. The FAC, a privately-funded, nonprofit organization, opened the doors on the exciting architectural treasure in 1936 as an art museum, professional theatre company, and arts education center. The FAC building is considered an architectural landmark in the Rocky Mountain region, designed by John Gaw Meem, and is listed on the National Register for Historical Places. For information, visit csfineartscenter.org.