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Written Word Depicted in Art **'Inscribed/Messages' to Exhibit During Vegas Valley Book Festival**

In celebration of the Vegas Valley Book Festival, Clark County Parks and Recreation presents "Inscribed/Messages," a multi-artist exhibit featuring the written word opening Sept. 1 and continuing through Nov. 20 at the Clark County Government Center Rotunda Gallery, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, near downtown Las Vegas. Artist receptions will take place during First Friday festivities Sept. 4, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6. A special event is scheduled for Nov. 6 during the Vegas Valley Book Festival that will include traveling spoken word artists and a one-night only display of artist sketchbooks.

Artists answered a call for artworks this spring and were selected based on specific criteria. They were encouraged to submit three-dimensional, artist books and banners employing books or written language in material or concept.

The exhibition features 21 works by 13 artists and includes sculptures and hand-made and altered books. The selected artists include John Banks, John Bissonette, Diane Bush, Robert E. Cranley, Jr., Andreana Donahue, Justin Favela, Stephen Hendee, Merrilee Hottt, Noelle Garcia, Danielle Kelly, Leslie Rowland, Markus Tracy and Linda Trenholm.

Large scale monuments to greeting cards, a large neon-like sign made of cardboard depicting text messaging shorthand and net lingo, handmade books with accompanying audio recordings and elaborately layered board books that chronicle an artist's travels are just some of the exhibit's highlights.

Those interested in "Inscribed/Messages" can call Patrick Gaffey at 455-7030 or visit the Web site at www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks.

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Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 15th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to more than 2 million citizens and 44 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The county also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to almost 900,000 residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development. In 2009, Clark County celebrates a "century of service."

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