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“HOME WORLD” ART EXHIBIT TAKES TRIP TO ANOTHER DIMENSION

Traveling in scale, Betty Hageman’s ambiguous paintings explore biomorphic patterns in natural microenvironments

Seattle, WA, July, 2009 – Betty Hageman, Seattle artist and designer, will be exhibiting her original paintings in Stehekin, WA, August 14 through September 9, 2009, at the Visitor Center’s Golden West Gallery. Titled “Home World”, the show explores organic bioforms and passageways inhabiting Earth’s natural microenvironments.

The exhibit will open with a free artist reception at 7:30 PM, Friday, August 14. In conjunction with the show, a creativity workshop will be held on Saturday, August 15 from 11:00 to 1:00 PM titled “Visit Your Own Home World.” Participants will learn and use various idea origination techniques to explore where their passions lie and how they might develop and express them artistically. There is a \$3 per person materials fee. For more information or to register, call the gallery at (360) 854-7365.

Based on excursions to specific ecosystems such as the North Cascades and her own backyard, Betty researches patterns based on water, soil and mineral structures, microorganisms such as algae and bacteria, and the atmosphere and sky. Her resulting artworks abstract and juxtapose similar colors, shapes and surface properties. “It’s a fantastic and mysterious place, deep underground, underwater, under the microscope, through a telescope,” Betty says. “I call it my home world because I’m traveling in scale to rediscover the wonder and delight of childhood.”

Betty Hageman’s fine art career was initially inspired by the colorful creatures and coral formations discovered on Caribbean dive and snorkeling trips. She exhibits her artwork in galleries across the country, and has received numerous awards and fellowships. As owner of Betty Hageman Graphic Design, she also creates marketing and community education materials relating to environmental issues and sustainable design for professional firms and public agencies. Betty’s exhibit schedule, portfolios, and more can be viewed at <http://www.bettyhageman.com>.