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## **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Street Art Festival Highlight of Summer in Breckenridge**

**Breckenridge, Colorado** – Breckenridge is the place to be for one of the finest art festivals in Colorado this summer. Taking place Friday through Sunday, July 23,24,25 from 10 am – 6 pm daily, the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Breckenridge Main Street Art Festival** is sure to be a highlight of the summer season in Breckenridge.

The Main Street Art Festival takes place at North Main Street at Wellington Road in downtown Breckenridge from 10 am to 6 pm each day with free admission. Exceptional artists, plenty of parking and easy access make this a perfect weekend to spend in the high country. The Festival will feature over 100 of the finest artists from around the United States, and the world, presenting their work in sculpture, photography, painting, glass, ceramics, bronze, mixed media and much more. Additionally the National Repertory Orchestra will present a free chamber music performance on Saturday, July 24 from 1 -2 pm during the festival, followed by an instrumental petting zoo for children at 2:20 pm.

Kara Young is a professional fiber/mixed media artist from Santa Fe, New Mexico, yet internationally recognized throughout the United States, in Europe and in Japan who will exhibit at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Street Art Festival. Her work is seen as ancient but also contemporary fitting in many different environmental settings. Kara has worked as a fiber artist since the beginning of her art career starting with sculptural weavings and then designing art clothing and on to papermaking for the past 14 years. She also has created a line of handmade fine art greeting cards, which are carried in numerous art galleries and gift stores across the US.

Young's wall pieces are made with thickly cast 85% abaca handmade paper. Integrated into the compositions are other materials and found objects. Crackled joint compound is used to "age" the surface, which is further enhanced with copper or gold leaf, old cedar shingles, sheet copper,

acrylic paint and now encaustic painting with beeswax and pigment. The pieces are lightweight and durable.

Visiting ancient ruins, colorful rock canyons, searching for petroglyphs and aged cracked walls and doors in beautiful old cities such as San Miguel de Allende are Young's source of inspiration. Her work is about witnessing how the passing of time effects the appearance of surfaces in the world around us and how to express this in contemporary ways.

Mountain Art Festivals will present one other Summit County Art Festival later this summer. The 35th Annual Gathering at the Great Divide Art Festival will be held in Breckenridge September 4,5,6 at Main Street and Wellington Road.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Street Art Festival in Breckenridge is presented by Mountain Art Festivals, Mark Beling and sponsored in part by J&M Jewelry, Summit Daily News, KYSL, Summit Magazine, National Repertory Orchestra, KCMV and KSKE.

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