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Art in Public Places announces a second season of the Vail ART Pass

(Vail, CO) - Vail ART Pass will commence this June celebrating a second season after a successful launch last summer. The Vail ART Pass gathers a community of individuals with an interest in the visual arts sponsored by Art in Public Places.

Over the past year, **Vail ART Pass** highlights included tours of renowned private art collections with receptions, a full day excursion to Carbondale with a tour of the Powers Art Center and the opportunity to meet artist James Surls in his massive home studio. Members also enjoyed a tour of the new Betty Ford Alpine Education Center and Gardens with Executive Director Nicola Ripley. Members were also invited to signature events and receptions sponsored by Art in Public Places throughout the year.

“Another fabulous reason to live in Vail! The Vail ART Pass allowed members the opportunity to see a world class art collection up close, and to hear the behind the scenes stories, from the collector, as to how and why the particular work was acquired. It was a thrill to see it!” Nancy Lassetter, Vail ART Pass member.

Visit www.artinvail.com to sign up for the annual \$50 membership to receive preferential access to events. Events will have limited occupancy and are filled on a first come first served basis. If space is available, events will be open to the public for a fixed fee per event. Guests must be registered to attend events.

Upcoming events:

- June 25 – 10:30 a.m. – noon. Brunch at the Vail Chophouse in Lionshead with artist Claudio Limon. A light brunch will be served, as members have the opportunity to meet this renowned artist from Mexico. Claudio Limon is the visiting artist with the San Miguel de Allende delegation. Vail established a Sister Cities relationship with San Miguel de Allende in summer 2015 mainly to promote a cultural exchange between the two communities. Following, members are invited to tour the Vail Arts Festival in Lionshead.
- July 15 – 10:30 a.m. Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass. Members will tour the visual art facilities of the ranch followed by their popular Lunchtime Auctionette. A BBQ lunch is served with an auction of original artwork by Anderson Ranch faculty, visiting artists, students, interns, and staff.

- August 12 – 21 (date to be determined) – Breckenridge International Fine Art Festival and tour of the creative arts district.
- September (date to be determined) - Denver Museum of Art, tours of the exhibitions *Women of Abstract Expressionism*, *Rhythm & Roots: Dance in American Art* and at the Denver Botanic Garden *Stories in Sculpture: Selections from the Walker Art Center Collection*

Details and fees for future events will be posted on www.artinvail.com as they develop.

For more information about programming and joining this group of art enthusiasts visit www.artinvail.com. Membership form may also be accessed at <http://www.vailgov.com/art-membership-form>

Contact Molly Eppard, AIPP Coordinator for questions about the Vail ART Pass at 970-479-2344 or meppard@vailgov.com.

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