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FIFTH ANNUAL ART & NATURE FOCUSES ON CHILDREN THIS YEAR WITH ART, POETRY, AND NATURE ACTIVITIES

NICE, CA — The fifth-annual Art & Nature festival, a celebration of the arts that relate to nature, will be held Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Rodman Slough Preserve.

Over the past four years, Art & Nature has grown in popularity, with new additions to the festival and an increasing number of attendees. “Even if you’ve come to past shows,” says Barbara LeVasseur, event organizer, “you may be very surprised to see all the changes this year.”

The focus of Art & Nature in 2007 will be introducing children to both art and nature discoveries. During the event, special children’s hikes and lectures will be given, along with a poetry session held by children. The highlight of the event will be the dancing and chanting performance given by a children’s group from Robinson Rancheria.

A free event, guests of Art & Nature are encouraged to enjoy the bird watching, gather nature and gardening educational materials, listen to poetry by well-known local poets, strolling minstrels, and watch plein air painters at work. Nature and plein air paintings will be on display and for sale during the event.

The Rodman House, the site of the new nature center at Rodman Slough Preserve, will be close to completion and open for viewing during the event. Guided walks of the property will be led by members of the Lake County Land Trust.

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Art & Nature is a benefit for the Lake County Land Trust. Participating artists each donate a piece of their artwork to be sold at the Lake County Land Trust Spring Benefit Dinner, set for May 8, 2007, at the Saw Shop Gallery Bistro in Kelseyville.

The Lake County Land Trust is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3). Along with the Rodman Slough Preserve nature center project, the trust is working on developing a strategic land conservation plan, and exploring ways to preserve Mt. Konocti, Lake County's central landmark.

The Rodman Slough Preserve is located at the corner of Westlake Drive and the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff. For more information about Art & Nature or the Lake County Land Trust, call (707) 995-1398 or visit www.lakecountylandtrust.org.

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