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ART SHOW AND BENEFIT TASTING RAISES FUNDS TOWARD MOUNT KONOCTI ACQUISITION

LAKE COUNTY, CA — Lake County artist Renee Geare and Susan Feiler, owner of Lake County Wine Studio in Upper Lake, partnered to host a month-long art show and sale plus several wine tasting events to raise funds for the acquisition of property to help preserve Mount Konocti as open space.

Geare and Feiler agreed to donate 20 percent of the proceeds to the acquisition and, at the conclusion of the events in December, presented a check in the amount of \$400 to Lake County Public Services Director Kim Clymire, whose department is spearheading the fundraising efforts.

The show and sale featured the works of Geare whose oil painting project titled, “100 Views of Mount Konocti,” provided a fitting theme for the benefit. Lake County Wine Studio, which is located at the corner of First and Main Streets in historic Upper Lake, provided an elegant backdrop for the works and the wines.

Featured wines at the tasting events included Zoom Wines’ 2006 “Top of Konocti” Zinfandel, which is made from organic zinfandel grapes from the Fowler vineyard on top of Mount Konocti, as well as several Lake County varietals from Sol Rouge, which is nestled on the base slopes of Mount Konocti.

The theme of Geare’s project coincided with ongoing efforts by Lake County to acquire 1,520 acres on top of Mount Konocti. The acquisition is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, encompassing all four peaks, and putting much of the iconic mountain into public hands for perpetuity. The goal is to raise \$2.6 million by September 2009.

Information about the acquisition effort is available and tax-deductible donations can be made online at:
www.PreserveKonocti.org

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