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GALLERY MAR HOSTS BEE CONSCIOUS ART EXHIBIT AND FUNDRAISER FOR RECYCLE UTAH

PARK CITY, UTAH – Saturday August 21st marks the second annual National Honeybee Awareness Day. The theme this year is “Local Honey - Good for Bees, You and The Environment.” So with that in mind, Gallery MAR and Recycle Utah have joined forces to celebrate the local honeybee by presenting a special Encaustic art exhibit and fundraising event beginning August 20th.

“Honeybees are one of nature’s most needed and cherished creatures. I’m excited to help build awareness about how important they are to humans not only for food, but also for art.” said Gallery Owner Maren Bargreen about the upcoming events.

Of course, bees are known for their honey and pollinating efforts, but what about the beeswax they produce? This is where the Encaustic artist comes in. Using beeswax as a base for paints and pigments, these artists create amazing works of art. Starting on August 20th and running through the month of September, Bargreen will be highlighting several encaustic artists at Gallery MAR.

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Gretchen Papka, Montana based Shawna Moore and local artist Bridgette Meinhold will be showcasing their beeswax paintings.

Gallery MAR will also be hosting a special fundraising event for Recycle Utah starting on Saturday August 21st. When you stop by the gallery and check out the "Bee Conscious" Exhibit, you can also make a donation and enter to win a special art piece by Bridgette Meinhold. All proceeds from the "Opportunity Drawing" will go toward supporting Recycle Utah's programs. There will be local honey from Zoe's Garden and homemade "honey" baked goods available also. On Friday September 24th, the winner will be announced during the Monthly Gallery Stroll.

For more information about any of these events, check out Recycle Utah's website - www.recycleutah.org or contact the center directly at 435-649-9698.

For more information about National Honeybee Awareness Day, go to <http://www.nhbad.com/>.

Recycle Utah is Park City's only non-profit community drop off recycling center providing resource re-allocation for more than 50 different items and a variety of conservation and educational programs for Summit and Wasatch Counties.

Gallery MAR is located at 580 Main Street in downtown Park City and showcases both emerging and seasoned collectors and features fine contemporary art spanning from detailed still life works to abstracted landscapes

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and whimsical figurative pieces. Visit www.gallerymar.com for more details or call
435-649-3001. ###