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SHARON ENGEL'S "SUMMER MEADOW" SELECTED AS 40TH ANNIVERSARY POSTER FOR SUNRIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL

SUNRIVER, ORE – Artist Sharon Engel's exquisite look at the colorful meadows of Sunriver has been selected as the 40th Anniversary poster for this year's Sunriver Music Festival. Each year, local artists are asked to submit artwork for poster consideration. A committee of art enthusiasts selected Sharon's painting.

Beautifully framed by Eastlake Framing, the original painting called "Summer Meadow, Sunriver" is now on display at the Sunriver Music Festival office in The Village, Building 13. The painting will be a featured auction item at the Festival's annual fundraiser, Festival Faire, on Sunday, July 16th at the Sunriver Resort Great Hall. With a campy 70s theme celebrating the Festival's 40th anniversary, Festival Faire includes an evening of dining and a lively auction with music by talented Young Artists Scholarship winners.

Over 300 posters are on display at businesses in Sunriver, Bend, Sisters, and Redmond. Posters are also available for purchase at the Sunriver Music Festival office and at various businesses and galleries: Eastlake Framing, Sunriver Chamber of Commerce, Bend Picture Framing, Sage Custom Framing & Gallery, Flowers at Sunriver Village and Bits & Pieces.

Like most artists, Sharon Engel explored numerous subjects when she and her husband Keith moved to Sunriver in 1991. Before moving to the area, for 18 years she taught "plein air painting," a practice of painting and drawing while in the field. It was an art form made famous by the French Impressionists.

Sharon has done plein air painting all over the Willamette Valley and Oregon. "My husband Keith has always been encouraging and patient on our trips," adds Sharon. "I've been sunburned, bug bit, scraped up from hiking back country, deserts, and canyons. On ships, bicycles, trains, and wild taxi rides. Where I go, my paint box goes too. I am fascinated by constant discovery when I go out in the field to paint. The light and, of course, colors are never the same."

Sunriver Music Festival posters are available for \$12. Framed posters are \$65. Notecards are \$12 for a pack of ten and available at the Sunriver Music Festival.

Sunriver Music Festival **2017 Poster Outlets**

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Sunriver Chamber of Commerce
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Flowers at Sunriver Village
Bits & Pieces

To get complete information on the 40th Anniversary season, to purchase tickets, or learn more about Festival Faire, go online www.sunrivermusic.org, call the office at 541-593-1084, or email at tickets@sunrivermusic.org.

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