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**CITY OF LONE TREE ANNOUNCES 2016 COMMISSIONERS' CHOICE AWARD WINNERS AND
EXPLOSION OF COLOR EXHIBITION SHOWCASING THEIR WORK**

December 10, 2015 – The Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC) announces the winners of the City of Lone Tree's 2016 Commissioners' Choice Award. Works of winning local artists **Diane Cornish** and **Cindy Welch** will be on display and available for sale at LTAC, 10075 Commons Street, Lone Tree, Colo., from **January 8 through March 4** during gallery hours, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two hours prior to scheduled performances. **The opening reception for the exhibition, entitled *Explosion of Color*, will be held Friday, January 22, 6-7 p.m. at LTAC.**

Diane Cornish's main focus is traditional watercolors, but she enjoys working in a variety of media. Her paintings and other works belong to private collectors throughout the country. She is a member of the Greater Castle Rock Art Guild and exhibits her work at Art on the Edge Gallery in Castle Rock. In addition, she is a member of the Arizona Art Alliance and The Casa Grande Valley Fine Arts Association and is involved in exhibits they sponsor.

Cindy Welch is a Colorado native and has been a resident of Castle Rock, Colo. for 25 years. After studying art and graphic design at the Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design, she pursued a career in design and marketing. She is best known for her paintings of local scenery and historic buildings. Watercolor is her medium of choice with a passion for vibrant color while maintaining realism.

Commissioners' Choice is an artist invitational that provides an exhibition opportunity at the LTAC gallery. Part of the City's public art program, exhibitions at LTAC and public art throughout the city are designed to stimulate, enhance, expand and enrich awareness about the arts in the community. Through the annual Commissioners' Choice Award, the Lone Tree Arts Commission supports emerging and professional artists by providing a venue to display their work in a public setting.

ABOUT LTAC

Now in its fifth season, the Lone Tree Arts Center has a reputation for presenting outstanding and engaging professional performances for audiences reaching beyond its south metro Denver location. LTAC offers theatrical, musical, and education performances reaching more than 50,000 people each year. Special programs include *Arts in the Afternoon*, featuring monthly professional concerts for seniors followed by refreshments, Q&As, and meet-and-greets with the artists. Family programming includes *Passport to Culture* for ages four through ten, and *Seedlings* for children ages one to four. *SF Family Tree* features sensory friendly programs for individuals on the autism spectrum, with sensory sensitivities, or intellectual or developmental disabilities. For tickets visit LoneTreeArtsCenter.org or call 720-509-1000.