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LOCAL ARTISTS *DARE TO REUSE* TRASH AT CITY OF SAN DIEGO FOURTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF FOUND OBJECT ART

SAN DIEGO, CA — *Worn fire hoses, a rusted baking sheet, processed photo paper and an old faucet... imagine the possibilities for items considered no longer useful.* Fourteen local artists will showcase their works of art that demonstrate the endless possibilities of function for items usually destined for the trash in *Dare to Reuse*, the fourth annual exhibition of artwork made from found objects. Organized by the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department, this year's exhibit will be on display at two locations: April 5 – 16, 2004 at the City of San Diego City Administration Building and April 19 – May 16, 2004 at the San Diego Natural History Museum (SDNHM).

To demonstrate the value of reusing resources the *Dare to Reuse* artists use other's "throw away" materials such as paper, glass, metals and wood to create more than 20 art pieces including paintings, sculpture and even lighting fixtures. Some of the 2004 *Dare to Reuse* artworks include a dog created from a motorcycle gas tank, a bicycle fork and car parts; a purse woven with electrical wire and lined with Kevlar; and several wood guardians, standing more than seven feet tall that were assembled from wood pieces including carpenter's drawers, oxen yolk and children's building blocks.

"The artists who've contributed works to the *Dare to Reuse* show prove that reducing waste can be a very creative project that provides entertainment and ultimately benefits the environment," said Elmer L. Heap, Jr., director of the Environmental Services Department. "With approximately half of all waste buried in the landfill being material that could have been recycled, it's imperative we encourage people to reduce waste, reuse material and recycle

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because that's how we can increase the life of our landfill. Through the creative examples these artists set we hope people will be inspired to think twice about what they throw away."

Artists showing works made from found objects include: Janice Allen (San Diego), Carla Andersen (Oceanside), Harold Cohn (Santee), Bob Estell (Escondido), Jim Gibson (Chula Vista), Mirto Golino (San Diego), Melissa Heaney (San Diego), Janet Lee (Cardiff by the Sea), Sarah Stangeland (Encinitas), Mark Stone (San Diego), Daniel Ford Tarr (Jamul), Rebecca Turner (Oceanside), Belén Jacot-Wilcoxon (Carlsbad) and Wayne Wilcoxon (Carlsbad).

Dare to Reuse's first exhibit location at City Administration Building lobby, located in downtown San Diego at 202 "C" Street, 92101, is free and open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The second location at the San Diego Natural History Museum, located in Balboa Park at 1788 El Prado, 92101, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the museum and the exhibit is all-inclusive: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, active military/spouses, and college students, \$5 children (3 - 17 years old), and free on the first Tuesday of each month. For current pricing or additional information, go to www.sdnhm.org or call (619) 232-3821.

The show will also help kick off the nationally recognized Earth Month in the City of San Diego during April. In addition to the *Dare to Reuse* exhibition, ESD will celebrate Earth Month 2004 with events including: *Tax Week Recycling* to encourage recycling files from April 12-24; an information booth and demonstration of all Environmental Services' public programs and services at *Earth Fair 2004* in Balboa Park on April 25; and the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards* ceremony on May 12, to honor companies and organizations who have developed the best local waste reduction and recycling programs in the city.

This year's *Dare to Reuse* exhibit is co-sponsored by the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department and the San Diego Natural History Museum. For more information about this or previous exhibits, please view the ESD web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/>.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. The Department also oversees the City's management of energy use and explores innovative options for energy independence. For more information on the Environmental Services Department, please call (858) 694-7000.

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