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### **Exhibition of Works by Lynn Schuette to Inaugurate Re-Opening of Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library**

SAN DIEGO – An exhibition of nearly two dozen works by nationally known San Diego artist Lynn Schuette will inaugurate the re-opening of the greatly expanded and renovated Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch of the San Diego Public Library. Titled “Lynn Schuette: A Decade of Paintings and Drawings,” the exhibition will open Friday, April 7, at 2:30 p.m. (in conjunction with the grand re-opening ceremony of the library) and continue through Aug. 6, 2006.

Selections from most of Schuette’s series created since 1995, including several recent works that have never been shown, will be on display throughout the building. The series are: “Fighting Nature,” “The Old Masters,” “In a World Where Butchers Sing Like Angels,” “The Garden Show,” “Slow Life,” “My Nature” and “Incarnadine.”

Schuette is a visual artist whose work includes paintings, drawings, and public works. Her mural *The Color of This Life Is Water* (2003) was commissioned by the San Diego Public Library and is currently installed at the San Diego Convention Center. Since 1987, Schuette’s art has been featured in 12 solo exhibitions and numerous group exhibitions. Her most recent solo exhibition, “In a World Where Butchers Sing like Angels,” was at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library. It received excellent reviews from area critics.

Schuette is also the founder and former executive director of Sushi Performance and Visual Art, a multi-disciplinary arts program best known for introducing legendary performance and dance artists to the San Diego community. They include Karen Finley, Tim Miller, Rachel Rosenthal, and the Black Choreographers Moving project. In 2005, she was the lead artist of one of three finalist teams designing proposals for the Martin Luther King Jr. Public Art Commission. She is currently the deputy director of the Children’s Museum/Museo de los Niños San Diego.

Schuette’s style is instantly recognizable as her own and unabashedly beautiful. Her hallmarks are sensuous and curvilinear forms based on nature and the human figure; flawless composition; an unerring sense of color; and a penchant for drama of historic proportions. As visually seductive and engaging as it is, Schuette’s art often addresses profound political and sociological issues and is replete with symbolic, art historical, and literary references. Two major paintings in this exhibition, *Smokestorm* and *Isolation*, refer to California’s devastating wildfires, turbulence in the Mideast, and rebirth.

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The Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library will reopen April 7 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2:30 p.m. The library has been expanded from 10,000 square feet to 15,000 square feet, providing additional space for its growing collection, community meetings and computers.

The library is located at 3003 Coronado Ave. Library hours will be Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, the public can call the branch library at 619-424-0474.

The City of San Diego Public Library's Visual Arts Program is a nationally recognized series of exhibitions, lectures, a television program, and other art-related activities. The mission of the program is to demonstrate the library's role as a cultural institution embracing a broad range of disciplines, while assisting San Diego's mid-career and older professional artists in achieving wider local, regional, and national attention. Visual Arts Program exhibitions are made possible, in part, by contributions from individuals, volunteer efforts, and the Friends of Central Library. For more information, please contact Library Curator Mark-Elliott Lugo at 619-238-6627.

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