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Fine Arts Center

at COLORADO COLLEGE

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The FAC to co-host this years' annual Van Briggie Pottery Festival

Colorado Springs (August 7, 2017) – The Bemis School of Art at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College (FAC) is excited to co-present the annual Van Briggie Pottery Festival with the Woman's Educational Society (WES contributes funds toward tuition and book allowances for 21 Colorado College women who have been selected as WES Scholars) on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with guided tours running every 20 minutes. All proceeds benefit Colorado College student scholarships and Woman's Educational Society programs.

Patrons will be treated to a guided tour of this unique building on the National Register of Historic Places. There will be tours of the adjacent garden and the Horticultural Art Society will be holding a fall bulb sale.

Event details:

- 8:30 a.m. – a dedication to Fred Wills, a potter with Van Briggie Pottery Company from 1947-1988, in Anne Van Briggie's office at The Pottery
- 12 p.m. – dedication ceremony (hosted by the Horticultural Art Society) of the Lorelei sculpture, an enlarged recreation of one of Van Briggie's most well-known and sought after sculptures, created by artist Larry Terrafranca

The festival will also feature wheel-throwing demonstrations and hands-on lessons from the FAC's Bemis School of Art instructors and advanced students. Visitors are invited to bring in their personal pottery selections and renowned Van Briggie experts, Kathy Honea, Gary Conover, and Rob Wheatley will give assessments of the pottery works. Community partners will host tables featuring the Pioneers Museum, Historic Preservation Alliance, Friends of Monument Valley Park, the Manitou Springs Heritage Center, and the McAllister House.

Van Briggie Pottery Festival

When: Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with tours running every 20 minutes

Where: Van Briggie Building at 1125 Glen Avenue on the corner Glen of Uintah. Some dedicated festival parking will be available.

Admission: \$12, to be purchased at the door. Tickets not required for the Lorelei dedication.

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College

The story of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College (FAC) begins with the founding of the Broadmoor Art Academy by Julie and Spencer Penrose in 1919. During the Great Depression, three dedicated philanthropists – Julie Penrose, Alice Bemis Taylor, and Elizabeth Sage Hare – envisioned expanding the Broadmoor Art Academy into an entire arts district under one roof. The FAC changed its name, built a grand building, and opened as the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center in 1936. In August 2016, the FAC announced an historic alliance with Colorado College and on July 1, 2017, became the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College. The FAC is deeply rooted in the legacy of its founders, who possessed bold visions, a deep passion for the arts, and dedication to the Colorado Springs community. The FAC honors this legacy and spirit today by providing innovative, educational, and multidisciplinary arts experiences designed to elevate the individual spirit and inspire community vitality, building on its history as a unique cultural pillar of the Pikes Peak region. For more information, visit www.coloradocollege.edu/fac

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