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Artists Sought for PAX Gala Aug. 27 event to feature Outdoor Art Auction, Wheeled Sculpture Promenade *by Caitlin Switzer*

Public Art eXperience (PAX) will hold its **2011 Gala Event and Art Auction on Saturday, August 27, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Centennial Plaza.** This year's outdoor PAX sculpture display will be unveiled, and the winner of the 2011 sculpture raffle will be announced. Along with food, music, local artists, family activities and wonderful works of art, PAX will host a wheeled sculpture promenade ($10 entry fee, send to PAX c/o Montrose ACT 1519 East Main St. with name and age of entrant), with $100 prize for winning youth and adult entries.

PAX will also host an art auction that evening, with pieces by top Colorado artists. Artists who wish to participate are encouraged to contact PAX. The auction is being coordinated by PAX Committee member and Sponsor Bob Brown of Around the Corner Gallery in Montrose, 970-249-4243.

To learn more, contact PAX Chairs MichelleYoung at 970-240-3031 or Caroline Lescroart at 970-209-3191, or visit the web site at www.cityofmontrose.org/art.

PAX, which coordinates a yearly sculpture display Downtown, is a subcommittee of the Montrose Association of Commerce & Tourism (MACT) in partnership with the City of Montrose. All works of sculpture on loan through PAX are offered for sale to the public.

Over the past five years, PAX has contributed $46,350 worth of sculptures to the City's permanent sculpture collection. The most recent PAX acquisitions are Montrose artist Jerry Dunbar's "Buddies," and Ridgway Sculptor Michael McCullough's "Red Fox."

PAX PATRONS include the City of Montrose, Four Seasons Investment Advisors, Montrose Association of Commerce & Tourism (Montrose ACT), Around the Corner Art Gallery and Wells Fargo Bank. Sponsors include Montrose Arts Council, Montrose Daily Press, Mountain Valley Fish and Oyster, Inc. and the Montrose Community Foundation.

PAX sculptures have been donated to the community by Montrose Arts Council, Carl Michael Short, Warren and Michelle Young and Montrose ACT. For more information contact 2011 Co-Chairs Michelle Young at 970-240-3031 or Caroline Lescroart at 970-209-3191, or visit the web site at www.cityofmontrose.org/art.