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SENIOR ARTISTS JOIN IN ANNUAL ART COMPETITION

Portland, OR (August 8, 2007) – More than 100 seniors from across the state will submit their original works of art for judging at the 22nd annual “Ageless Art” contest to be held Thursday, August 16 in Newberg. The event is sponsored by the Oregon Alliance of Senior and Health Services (OASHS.)

“We have 19 entrants in their nineties and 64 in their eighties.” said Karen Greeney, Manager, Membership Services and Resident Programs. “Many different mediums are represented with everything from sculptures to quilts entered in the competition. We even have a 14 foot boat!”

The Ageless Art will be judged at 9:30 a.m. at Friendsview Retirement Community, 1301 E. Fulton Street, Newberg (503-538-3144) followed by a viewing by all the attendees and lunch. The winning pieces will be announced at a ceremony in the auditorium from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Twelve “judges’ choice” winners will have their pieces photographed at The Oregon Garden in Silverton for inclusion in the 22nd annual OASHS calendar. In addition, these winners and select others will be exhibited at the Holy Name Heritage Center, 17425 Holy Names Drive, Lake Oswego, September 4 – 20, Monday through Friday during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The center is open to the public and there is no admission charge for the exhibit.

To be eligible to enter the Ageless Art Contest, the artist must have created the original work when he or she was at least sixty years old, and all artists must be residents of one of over 130 non-profit residential and care communities that are OASHS member organizations. Sixteen communities in nine cities are represented this year.

“So many studies on aging have been done citing the benefits of engaging in the creative arts. It’s wonderful to be able to offer this venue to our elders and see so many

of them eager to participate”, said Greeney. “It is truly amazing and inspiring to see what these elder artists create.”