



The Humboldt Arts Council
in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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Exhibition Headline: Laura Adams Armer *The Forest Pool*

Exhibition Dates: July 1 through August 27

Reception Date: First Saturday Night Arts Alive, July 1, 6 to 9 p.m.

Museum Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Laura Adams Armer's original paintings for the illustrations of Caldecott award winning book *The Forest Pool* are part of the Humboldt Arts Council's Permanent Collection, and are on exhibition in the Youth Gallery at the Morris Graves Museum of Art through August 27.

The Forest Pool, written and beautifully illustrated in color by Laura Adams Armer during a prolonged visit to Mexico, was published in 1938. The book received a Caldecott Honor Medal awarded in 1939 for "the most distinguished picture book for children" published during the preceding year.

Laura and her husband Sidney Armer moved to Humboldt County in the late 1930s. They made their home at 983 14th Street in Fortuna, on the banks of Rohner Creek. Their colorful and beautifully designed garden was a never-ending joy to their friends. Their home was a mecca for those interested in art, literature and good conversation. Young artists were particularly welcome and were given help and encouragement. Laura Adams Armer passed away on March 16, 1963.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public noon-5p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.

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