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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
**“Second Saturday Family Arts Day”**  
**Children’s Author Festival Preview**  
**Saturday, September 8, 2007 2-4pm**

Join the Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art as they celebrate **Second Saturday Family Arts Day!** Saturday, September 8, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. This Saturday’s presenters will include **The Chamber Readers** from 2:00-2:45 pm in the Performance Rotunda, **Shadow Puppet Theater** from 3:00-3:40 pm in the Performance Rotunda, **Accordion Books** with Lindsay Coats from 2-4pm in the Youth Classroom, and **Art in the style of Surrealist Jean Arp** from 2-4pm in the Youth Classroom. Local Children’s Authors Mary Nethery and Barbara Kerley will be in the Atrium for 2-4pm to meet guests and sign books.

***The Humboldt County Children’s Author Festival***

As a precursor to the upcoming Children’s Author Festival Second Saturday Family Arts Day will have many activities to celebrate reading, theater, and the art of bookmaking. The Humboldt County Children’s Author Festival began in 1975 with goals of bringing well-known, published authors to Humboldt County and enabling them to visit schools to talk with students about books and the business and craft of writing, and to reinforce the idea that people create books and that children and students can write as well as read. Begun as a one-time festival, its popularity with kids, parents, teachers, librarians, and the general public was such that the festival evolved into a biennial event. October 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, 25 authors and illustrators will come to Humboldt from throughout California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Utah, Florida and Indiana. They will travel to 60 Humboldt County schools, talk about themselves and their work to thousands of school children, and spend a day at a public autographing session in the Main Library in Eureka, where their books can be purchased.

***The Chamber Readers***

Come enjoy stories performed by the Chamber Readers in celebration of the Author’s Festival. The stories will include **A Frog and Toad Story** by Arnold Lobel, **The Stinky Cheese Man** by Jon Scieszka, **Horton Hatches the Egg** by Dr. Seuss, **The Crows of Pearblossom** by Aldous Huxley, and **The Toll Bridge Troll** by Patricia Rae Wolff. The Chamber Readers are a nonprofit reader’s theater company in Humboldt County, California, promoting reading and literature since 1975. Chamber Readers performs each year in nearly every public school in the county. Like traditional reader’s theater, the Chamber Readers style is based on script reading and the suggestive power of language as each story is read and acted out. The Chamber Readers use mime and movement rather than a set and props. For more information contact Artistic Director Siena Nelson at (707) 496-7726

***Shadow Puppet Theater***

Enjoy an exciting story from China in this special Shadow Puppet Theater accompanied by live Gamelan music. Sean Powers, of *Sean’s Shadows*, has been working with shadow puppets professionally for the last ten years, doing presentations at libraries, schools, recreation centers and private shows all over northern California. Multi-talented, he is also a musician playing instruments from all over the world, has been a storyteller for 20 years, has illustrated children’s stories, and has taught theater for children in the schools. A resident of Humboldt since 1989, Sean is also a wood carver and has won several awards nationally, as well as being a triple award winner in The Ink Peoples’ Maskabition. Available to teach or present a variety of artistic media, Sean can be reached at 825-0937.

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***Accordion Books, and Art in the Style of Surrealist Jean Arp***

Celebrate the Author's and Illustrator's festival by making your very own book. We will make books in the accordion style for you to write and illustrate a story! Will you choose to write a fantastic myth or a true to life funny tale that really happened?

**Jean or Hans Arp**, 1887–1966, was a French sculptor and painter. Arp was connected with the Blaue Reiter in Munich, various avant-garde groups in Paris, including the surrealists, and the Dadaists in Zürich. He consistently created novel and abstract forms in various media—bas-reliefs, collages, painted cutouts, sculpture in the round, and painted wood reliefs. Often given a humorous touch, his works contain elements of organic form while retaining their essential abstraction. Arp finished a monumental wood relief for Harvard in 1950.

The Humboldt Arts Council would like to recognize our Second Saturday Family Arts Day Underwriters: AG Edwards, Citigroup, Living Education and Arts Foundation, McLean Foundation, Sidney Stern Memorial Trust, Umpqua Bank, and US Bank. Thank you for all of your support!

Family Arts Day is every second Saturday of the month. To be a presenter or for more information about Family Arts Day contact Rebecca Froehlich at 707.442.0278, ext. 201. The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St., Eureka, Ca.