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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
"Second Saturday Family Arts Day"
Native American Heritage
Saturday, November 10, 2007 2-4pm

Join the Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art as they celebrate ***Second Saturday Family Arts Day!*** Saturday, November 10, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. This Saturday's presenters will include a ***North Coast Storyteller Liz Lara-O'Rourke*** from 2:00-2:45 pm in the Performance Rotunda, ***The Tolowa Nation Dancers*** from 3:00-3:40 pm in the Performance Rotunda, ***Arts in the style of Claude Monet*** with Lindsay Coats from 2-4pm in the Youth Classroom.

Native American Heritage

Native American Heritage on the North Coast of California can be traced back for thousands of years and many say since the beginning of time. Several tribes such as the Tolowa, Yurok, Wiyot, Karuk, Hupa, and the Mattole have made this area their home contributing cultural art and customs. While sharing a similar cultural framework, each of these Tribes had a wholly distinct Tribal language. In California, the Tolowa lived along the extreme northern coast, from the southwestern corner of Oregon to approximately fifteen miles south of Crescent City. The Yurok lived along the coast, from this point south to just below Trinidad Bay and up the Klamath River, extending about 45 miles and somewhat past the junction with the Trinity River as well as a short distance south along the Trinity. The Wiyot lived south along the coast from Trinidad past Eureka to Ferndale, encompassing Arcata and Humboldt Bays, the lower Mad River, and the lower Eel River. The Karuk lived on Klamath above Yurok territory further up river to beyond Happy Camp, and along the Salmon River. The Hupa inhabited the Trinity just before the junction with the Klamath, especially through the long north-south section called Hoopa Valley and south to Grouse Creek. The Chilula and Whilkut were smaller groups that inhabited interior valleys associated with Redwood Creek and the Mad River

North Coast Storyteller Liz Lara-O'Rourke

Elizabeth Lara-O'Rourke is from the Hupa, Yurok, and Chilula Tribes of Northwestern California and has lived in Humboldt County all of her life. She is married and has four children. Her stories come from life lessons as well as from her family. Having been raised in a very traditional family, her stories reflect the values of an ancient world, while also incorporating ideals of the modern world. Her stories are loved for their humor and charm.

The Tolowa Nation Dancers

The Tolowa Nation Dancers led by Joseph Giovannetti will be dancing a traditional dance in the Performance Rotunda at 6:20pm. The Tolowa, or Huss as they call themselves meaning "The People", have been dancing their sacred ceremonial dances since the beginning of time. The ceremonial dances were usually 10 day dances. For the past 37 years they have done demonstration dances in California and as far away as Washington D.C. Today the demonstration dances are held to educate the public and to continue to keep their culture alive.

Art in the Style of Claude Monet

Claude Monet was a famous painter born in Paris, France in 1840 and lived to be 86 years old. He was one of the painters who invented Impressionism. Impressionism is a style of painting in which artists use dabs of color to show how a scene or object looks and how the light falls. These works of art capture fast fleeting moments such as the sunrise or clouds crossing the sky. Often, Monet painted many pictures of the same things. He wanted to know how something would look in the different times of the day or different seasons of the year.

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of North Coast arts and to bringing this legacy fully into community life.*

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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.