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Volcano Wine Company Displays Paintings by Bend Artist Katherine Taylor

Bend, Oregon, 25 July 2006 –This summer, the Volcano Wine Company Tasting Room, based in Bend, Oregon, is showcasing the works of Bend artist Katherine Taylor. Volcano Wine Company co-owner Liz Ratcliff feels fortunate to have Katherine's oils hanging in the Volcano Wine Company Tasting Room. "Katherine's paintings are beautiful," Liz explains. "Her work is evocative; she catches a moment in such a way that you experience it with all your senses – a perfect complement to the space."

Now living in Bend, Katherine began her study in New Mexico in the mid-80s under renowned Southwest artists such as David Schwindt and Zhang Wen Xin. She refined her technical style through the study of Russian Impressionism with Kim English and Cheri Christensen.

Her work reflects her affinity for the strong tonal contrasts of chiaroscuro – the facets of light and dark, and the emotional weight of brightness against shadow. This is evident in all the pieces showing at the Tasting Room, even though they were painted over a number of years. The subject matter of the paintings ranges from cityscapes to interiors and still life.

While continuing to challenge herself as an artist, Katherine feels her motivation remains constant. "Beauty is all around us, and my task as an artist is really mining," Katherine explains. "I mine the gold that lies beneath banal surfaces."

The work of Katherine Taylor will be on display at The Volcano Wine Company Tasting Room through the summer. The Tasting Room recently opened in downtown Bend, Oregon. In addition to their Volcano Vineyards wines, owners Scott and Liz Ratcliff pour other small, artisan producers not usually available in the Central Oregon area. The Tasting Room offers wines by the taste, flight, and glass along with bottle and case sales. The Volcano Wine Company Tasting Room is located at 930 NW Brooks Street in downtown Bend between The Pine Tavern and The Mirror Pond Gallery. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 8 p.m., Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. and is available for special events. Please call 541.617.1102 for more information.