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Local Artist Simone Senat Featured at Plumas Bank Through April

Senat is newest local artist featured in Plumas Bank's Chico Branch in 2025

Chico, Calif. (February 20, 2025) — Plumas Bank is proud to announce its next featured artist in their ongoing partnership with the Museum of Northern California Art (**monca**). Local artist Simone Senat's work is now on display at the Plumas Bank's branch location at 900 Mangrove Avenue.

"Plumas Bank is honored to continue its collaboration with **monca** to showcase regional artists and bring art into our community spaces," said Ian Macmillan, vice president, business advisor and branch manager at Plumas Bank's Chico location. "Simone's work is an excellent addition to our exhibition and we encourage the community to visit and see her pieces firsthand."

Senat is an accomplished artist and educator whose work has been featured in solo and group exhibitions across California. A southern California native, she began her artistic journey at a young age, leaving high school to attend the UCLA Arts program at just 17 years old. Influenced by her European abstract expressionist instructors, she developed a passion for mixed media, exploring color, composition, and texture through improvisation.

After earning her bachelor's degree, Senat pursued a master's in arts education at CSU Long Beach before deciding to further her artistic practice through a master's in studio arts at San Jose State University. During her time in San Jose, she was selected for the 1998/1999 San Jose City Arts Mural Project, completing a 12-by-96-foot mural on a historic school wall in downtown San Jose. She also worked at the Triton Museum of Art and taught K-12 art while developing her own artistic voice.

Since 2000, Senat has been a dedicated studio arts professor at Butte College, inspiring the next generation of artists. Her work spans painting and design, often drawing inspiration from her life in Butte Valley, where she lives with her horses, dogs, and other ranch animals. Her surroundings frequently appear in her paintings as playful depictions of daily life. Senat's work can also be seen locally at The Lost Dutchman, **monca**, Chico Art Center, and the Butte College Main Campus.

Acting as an extended gallery space, Plumas Bank's branch location at 900 Mangrove Avenue has featured artwork created by local artists for more than a year. Previous featured artists include Paula Busch and Janet Blixit among a growing list of Plumas Bank artist alumnae. The partnership between Plumas Bank and **monca** reflects the bank's ongoing commitment to championing the arts.

"The museum is dedicated to showcasing the work of northern California artists and creating an inclusive space where art and community come together to inspire," said Patricia Macias, Executive Director of **monca**. "The Plumas Bank space as an extension of our museum has been instrumental in making this vision a reality."

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To view Senat's work, community members can stop by Plumas Bank at 900 Mangrove Avenue, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. any weekday the bank is open. Also on permanent display are fine art landscape prints on metal by Paradise artist Jeremy Vesely and Plumas Bank's featured outdoor mural by Chico artist Dylan Tellesen.

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About The Museum of Northern California Art

The vision of the Museum of Northern California Art (**monca**) is to be a vehicle for communities in the region to experience and create art for the sake of enjoyment, expression, social cohesion, innovation and communication. The museum will improve public perception of art by creating vital educational programs that inspire enthusiasm and increase the quality of life for artists, art enthusiasts and the public at large.

About Plumas Bank

Plumas Bank is a locally managed, award-winning community bank founded in 1980 and headquartered in Quincy, California. It is a subsidiary of Plumas Bancorp (NASDAQ: PLBC), a bank holding company headquartered in Reno, Nevada. With 15 branch offices serving Northeastern California and Northern Nevada, and loan production offices in California and southern Oregon, Plumas Bank offers a wide range of financial services to consumers and businesses and is a Preferred Lender with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. For more information regarding Plumas Bank, visit plumasbank.com.

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