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Plumas Bank and Tehama County Arts Council Launch Year-Long Collaboration

Artist Christine Hartmann featured in the new exhibit space at Plumas Bank in Red Bluff

RED BLUFF, Calif. August 19, 2026 – Plumas Bank, in collaboration with the Tehama County Arts Council, is proud to debut a new art exhibit space at its Red Bluff branch, featuring the work of local artist Christine Hartmann. The exhibit marks the beginning of a partnership designed to showcase regional artists while bringing original art into a community space visited by local residents every day.

Hartmann's collection invites viewers to look more closely at the world around them. Through colorful and thought-provoking paintings, including a series of expressive cat portraits, the exhibit explores themes of individuality, curiosity, neurodiversity and belonging.

The exhibit also highlights the welcoming spirit of Tehama County's creative community, where Hartmann lives, creates and serves on the board of the Tehama County Arts Council.

"The Tehama County Arts Council is excited for this collaboration with Plumas Bank and the opportunities it will create for artists throughout our community," said Lisa DeForte, chairwoman of the Tehama County Arts Council. "We believe that when we bring artists together, something truly special happens. Ideas are shared, relationships are built, and new and innovative possibilities emerge.

We are grateful to Plumas Bank for partnering with us and recognizing the important role that the arts play in creating a vibrant, connected community. We are excited about what we can accomplish together and, most importantly, excited to see what our artists will create when we connect, collaborate, and imagine what is possible."

The new exhibit space reflects Plumas Bank's ongoing commitment to supporting the communities it serves through local partnerships, cultural enrichment and opportunities that foster connection and creativity.

"We're excited to collaborate with the Tehama County Arts Council to provide a space where local artists can share their talents," said Erin Salvatore, assistant vice president and Red Bluff branch manager. "We're creating a welcoming space for our clients and community members, and we can't wait to hear what they think."

A retired physicist who spent nearly three decades working in medical physics and national security, Hartmann turned her full attention to art following her retirement in 2025. She describes both science and art as disciplines rooted in careful observation, discovery and a willingness to challenge assumptions.

"Whether you're standing in front of a scientific problem or a blank canvas, you learn by paying attention," Hartmann said. "The deeper we pay attention, the more things we see and the more refined our understanding of the world becomes."

Hartmann's work reflects her belief that every individual brings a unique perspective and value. One featured collection uses cats as symbolic self-portraits, celebrating the beauty found in differences and encouraging viewers to embrace their own identities. Her paintings explore themes of neurodiversity, radical inclusion and the importance of resisting assumptions in favor of deeper understanding.

Hartmann praised the partnership's vision of making art more accessible to the public.

"I think it's very visionary for Plumas Bank to sponsor a venue that brings art to everyone," she said. "I hope the exhibit inspires people to try new things, take creative risks and discover possibilities they may not have considered before."

The exhibit is open during regular banking hours at Plumas Bank's Red Bluff branch and is available for customers and community members to enjoy throughout the exhibition period. Every four months a new artist will be selected by Tehama County Arts Council to be featured at Plumas Bank with three artists to be displayed during the year-long collaboration.

About the Tehama County Arts Council

The Tehama County Arts Council promotes and supports the arts throughout Tehama County by fostering creative expression, encouraging community engagement and providing opportunities for artists to share their work. Through exhibitions, events and educational programs, the council enriches the cultural life of the region and helps connect artists with the communities they serve.

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