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THE PINES RESORT WELCOMES NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED ARTISTS FOR FIRST ANNUAL PLEIN AIRE PAINTING FESTIVAL APRIL 21- 25

April 25 Festival Finale features rare exhibition of fine art and “Meet the Artists” reception

BASS LAKE, Calif., March 3, 2008 – Fine art enthusiasts will enjoy a rare and enticing opportunity to observe ten nationally acclaimed artists as they put brush to canvas – and share the secrets of their craft – when The Pines Resort hosts a weeklong Plein Aire Painting Festival April 21-25, 2008.

Plein Aire artists work outdoors, setting up their easels in view of inspirational natural landscapes. Painting at and around The Pines Resort throughout the last full week of April, this select group will create amidst some of central California’s most spectacular scenery. From springtime wildflowers that pop up on the shores of Bass Lake, to sunlight shining through ponderosa pine groves, to the snow-topped peaks of Yosemite National Park standing tall in the distance, the area is rich with captivating natural beauty.

The culmination of this week of creativity comes during two events planned for Friday, April 25. From 9-11 a.m., painters will participate in a quick-draw Plein Aire exhibition. Spectators are invited to watch the masters at work, as they capture unforgettable outdoor scenes in impressive detail.

The event grand finale is a meet-the-artists reception hosted by The Pines in the resort’s Lakeview Room, beginning at 4 p.m. Guests are invited to enjoy appetizers and music by a jazz trio as they mingle with participating painters and other art enthusiasts. The artists will discuss their work and the Plein Aire craft, and fine works of art will be on exhibit and available for purchase. Following the reception, guests are invited to stroll down to Ducey’s on the Lake for fine waterfront dining and drinks.

To learn more about The Pines Resort’s Plein Aire event, or for lodging and dinner reservations, call (800) 350-7463 or visit www.basslake.com.

The Pines Resort serves groups with a variety of flexible and functional meeting rooms, convenient catering services, a lakeside wedding gazebo and outdoor banquet space. Meeting and event facilities here can accommodate groups of 12 to 250. Much of the nearly 10,000 square feet of event space offers views of Bass Lake and the Sierra National Forest.

Participating Plein Aire painters, confirmed to date:

Gil Dellinger
Gay Faulkenberry
Kathleen Dunphy
George Strickland
John Budicin
John Cosby
Ray Roberts
Jesse Powell
Kent Rogerson
Billy O`Donnell