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**Steamboat Art Museum announces the 6th annual writing competition
The Painted Words – A Visual Writing Event
(Formerly known as “Ekphrasis”)
with support from Steamboat Magazine and Off the Beaten Path Bookstore**

The Steamboat Art Museum is pleased to present the 6th annual literary competition “The Painted Words 2023, formerly known as “Ekphrasis,” celebrating the collaboration of the written word and the visual arts. Writers of all ages are challenged to write a story or poem inspired by a painting or sculpture in the current exhibition – **T.D. Kelsey and Julie Oriet: *Coming Full Circle***.

The competition challenges writers, adults and youth, to write a story or poem, up to 750 words, inspired by a painting or sculpture in the current exhibition. The entries are judged by an independent panel including members of Ski Town Media, Steamboat Art Museum, Off the Beaten Path Bookstore and the previous year’s competition winner. The Awards Reception and Readings on Thursday, July 20th at SAM celebrates the creativity of all writers. The evening includes select readings by “Celebrity Readers” prior to the awards presentation. Awards include cash and gift certificates. Awards will be presented in both poetry and prose categories. All submissions are published in The Painted Words 2023 Anthology available at the Steamboat Art Museum.

This event is in memory of Susan deWardt, a dedicated teacher, writer, artist and poetry therapist who inspired us all.

“The Painted Words event celebrates our very talented writers’ community and the exceptional visual artists in our exhibition. The creative stories always provide fascinating new perspectives regarding the selected paintings – a delightful exercise for all our imaginations.” Betse Grassby – Steamboat Art Museum Executive Director.

- Entry deadline: Saturday, July 1, 2023, 5:00pm.
- Awards Reception and Readings: July 20, 2023 5:30 pm at SAM. Free to the public.
- Please go to <https://steamboatartmuseum.org/the-painted-words/> for information and entry forms, winning entries from past years and the exhibition paintings.