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Artist Series Wine Labels Support Visual Arts Education Center

EVERETT, Wash.—(September 26, 2006)—The Arts Council of Snohomish County, Artspace, Inc. and Northwest Cellars, which produces and distributes wine with custom-designed labels, are working together to raise funds for a new Visual Arts Center. The Arts Council and Artspace, both nonprofit organizations, are collaborating to build a multi-use visual arts education center and live/work studio space for artists in downtown Everett.

In this first series, a collection of five wonderful Washington and Oregon wines crafted by Bob Delf of Northwest Cellars are coupled with five fantastic reproductions of original artwork by five local artists.

- 2005 Chardonnay Viognier (Walla Walla Valley), artwork by Janet Walker
- 2003 Cabernet-Merlot (Columbia Valley & Red Mountain), artwork by Stan Price
- 2003 Merlot (Yakima Valley), artwork by Susan J. Russell
- 1999 Oregon Sparkling Wine (Willamette Valley), artwork by Carie Collver
- 1999 Brut Rose (Willamette Valley), artwork by Dona Anderson

The artwork represents five of the thirty-five individual glass tiles that make up a Glass Quilt. The Glass Quilt Project represents local area artists, coming together to produce a wonderful glass quilt comprised of 35 fused, painted and etched, 8" x 8" glass tiles. The Glass Quilt debuted March of 2006. An anonymous donor purchased the quilt for \$20,000 and donated it back to the Arts Council for its permanent collection in the new center. The Glass Quilt is currently on display at the Wall Street Building 10th floor waiting room in downtown Everett.

Where to purchase the wines:

- Any wine retailer or restaurant can carry the Artist Series One wines. Response so far has been extremely

positive and **the first to carry the wines** include: The Dirty Martini, Everett Yacht Club, Il Bistro Vino and Seattle's BluWater Bistro.

- The Arts Council will be hosting **Girls Night Out: Wearable Art Festival**, Saturday October 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in the Historic Monte Cristo at 1507 Wall Street in downtown Everett. This free event will feature the wines for tasting and purchasing.
- The wines can be ordered directly from **Northwest Cellars**.

~Proceeds of \$2 per bottle of wine go directly to support the visual arts center project~

Northwest Cellars produces and distributes wine with custom-designed labels. They work with several top winemakers in the Pacific Northwest to find the best wine, which is then blended to their specifications. The wine blends are only available for private label through Northwest Cellars, and are ideal for hotels, restaurants, special events and personal, corporate and unique promotional gifts. www.northwestcellars.com

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