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**ART RECEPTION FOR CURRENT EXHIBIT AT MUNICIPAL CENTER BUILDING**  
**Art Works by Garnetta Finnegan**

Opening on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, as part of the Rotating Art Exhibit Program, the City will install an exhibit of etchings, drypoints, and monotypes by Garnetta Finnegan. The art work will be displayed through January 2011 on all three floors of the City of Chico Municipal Center Building at 411 Main Street. The exhibit may be viewed during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Garnetta Finnegan has been working as a serious studio artist since 1967. Her early years were spent studying privately with several San Francisco Bay Area artists, drawing and oil painting, and later studying at Chabot College. She has exhibited in galleries and shows throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and her works are held in many private collections throughout the United States.

Ms. Finnegan's most current work focuses on printmaking. She is intrigued by the element of surprise when creating prints from drypoint, etched plates, and monotype (prints that are also paintings), methods, which, she says, "lend themselves to experimentation." Nature and the human spirit motivate her artwork and her subject matter is usually the figure and nature. Commenting on the workshops and classes that she teaches, Ms. Finnegan says, "For 45 plus years of being involved with art, I appreciate that as I grow in the process of being an artist, I continue to benefit from meeting people, teaching, and sharing my love of art."

The public is invited to attend a reception for the artist on September 9, 2010 to be held in the lobby of the Chico Municipal Center Building at 411 Main Street. For more information contact City of Chico Art Projects Coordinator Mary Gardner at 896-7214.

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