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## A LIFETIME OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUMMERHOUSE AND OTHER MOTIFS: EDITHA SPENCER MEMORIAL EXHIBITION

Paso Robles, California — Studios on the Park announces a memorial exhibition showcasing the works of artist Editha Spencer. "Summerhouse and Other Motifs" will be on display in the atrium July 14-31 and is curated by Harold Spencer, Editha's husband of 63 years (and a current Studios on the Park artist). He, along with their sons, selected about thirty pieces from her immense collection to share with the public.

Editha Spencer's career started when she began painting as a young woman living in northern California. After meeting her husband and having four sons she stepped away from her artwork and devoted her time to her family. Years later, with the family raised, Editha and Harold moved to Connecticut where she began to paint and create prints again. Her work reflected what she saw in the landscapes and cityscapes. Harold recalls a time when she couldn't find any decent postcards to send to her friends, "so she just decided to create her own". In 2002 the couple moved back to California and took up residency in Paso Robles. Here, she continued to produce art, stimulated by the scenery of the Central Coast.

Harold observes that her style echoes that of Pierre Bonnard's. "She enjoyed the color and freedom of form" and "her pieces include an interesting pull between structure and looseness". The Summerhouse series is based on a gazebo structure that her husband and sons built. He recalls how she "loved the hexagonal shape and the way she could see the fluid landscape through the geometric framework of the screen".

Pieces of her art currently reside from coast to coast in both private and public collections, with several pieces overseas. She has been in many group shows as well as numerous solo exhibitions. In addition to her hanging art, several of her sketchbooks will be on display to allow viewers to see her artistic process. Harold described that "it reveals the technical composition of the art and sensitivity of what the artist chooses to work with".

Visitors of this exhibition can expect to see a variety of subjects in both watercolor and oil, as well as a selection of her best linoleum prints.

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