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### March “Meet the Artist” Event Announced

**WHEAT RIDGE, CO** – The Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission will host the next “Meet the Artist” event on Thursday, March 21, at Anthony M’s Visions in Gold, 6789 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The event will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. Photographer and Council member Joyce Jay will be the featured artist.

Jay owned and operated a commercial photography studio in Denver. Her clients included Corporate Express, Allstate, Excel, Bellco, Big O, Primedia and Stephany’s Chocolates. She holds a BA in communications and commercial photography from Loretto Heights College, with a minor in art.

Now she focuses on photographing flowers, “trying to find a unique view of something we have seen many times before,” she says. “As a commercial photographer for 30 years, my specialty was product and people shots for magazines, catalogs and advertising. Thus, I was often in search of an interesting view of things and this continues to happen as I shoot simple flowers.”

“The creative process is a source of pure joy,” Jay adds. “It ignites and brings with it an electric passion as creativity unfolds.”

A long-time successful Wheat Ridge business, Visions in Gold features handcrafted jewelry created by owners Tony Mohr and Gayle Maschari-Mohr and their apprentices. The creative setting of their independent store is the perfect venue for Jay to show her work and talk about her artistic process.

The Mohrs’ are happy to be a part of the Meet the Artist series. “The community has embraced us and we love to give back to the community,” Maschari-Mohr says. “We like to help up-and-coming artists show their work in a setting that brings people to them. We like to help them achieve the confidence to go out there and show their work with pride.”

The Meet the Artist series is organized by the Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission as a way to introduce artists and businesses to the community in a casual setting that promotes the arts in Wheat Ridge. For more information on the Cultural Commission or the “Meet the Artist” events, contact Milly Nadler at [millynadler@gmail.com](mailto:millynadler@gmail.com).

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