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October *Meet the Artist* Series Features Painter Maria Careccia Pelissier

Event will be hosted at neighborhood brewpub, Brewery Rickoli

WHEAT RIDGE, CO – Meet painter Maria Careccia Pelissier on October 17, at the Brewery Rickoli, 4335 Wadsworth Boulevard, as part of the ongoing Wheat Ridge *Meet the Artist* series. The event will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and light refreshments will be served.

Pelissier studied fashion design at New York City's Fashion Institute of Technology before moving to Colorado to finish her studies at Metropolitan State University with a BA in Fine Arts and a Master's Degree in Creative Arts in Education. She has refined her technique with classes at the Arts Students League in Denver and New York City, various workshops in art and classes at Arapahoe Community College.

Her work has been exhibited at Spark Gallery, Core Gallery, Lone Tree Recreation Center, Goodson Recreation Center, and various other art festivals and shows, including Museum of Outdoor Arts, which was a national juried art exhibit. More recently, she has taught, worked and exhibited at Teller Street Gallery.

"I am excited to be part of the *Meet the Artist* series to exhibit art in this community, sharing my gift as an artist," Pelissier said. "I love the feeling of community in a small town like Wheat Ridge."

She describes her life as "overflowing with creating works of art, not only in painting, but three-dimensional discoveries in clay, stone, silver and wood. "My goal in life is to create artwork that I can share with others, and in doing so establishing my personal happiness and inner peace. When I paint I look for the changing light effects, enthusing my choice of colors to dance upon landscapes, flowers and people."

The Brewery Rickoli, a recent addition to the Wheat Ridge business community, serves freshly brewed craft beer in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with an emphasis on the local neighborhood clientele.

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, contact Milly Nadler at millynadler@gmail.com.

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