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Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center introduces Chickasaw Artist Jennifer Hicks

Chickasaw Country, OK— Chickasaw Country, the tourism division of the Chickasaw Nation, will unveil a new exhibition featuring Oklahoma artist Jennifer Hicks at the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center in Davis, Okla., on November 1.

Jennifer Hicks, a proud Chickasaw citizen, specializes in the use of watercolor and ink, often incorporating hand-beaded elements that lend her pieces a striking multi-dimensional quality. Her creative process is characterized by meticulous attention to detail, occasionally involving the application of watercolor to paper one droplet at a time.

"I generally classify my art as 'slow art' due to the time invested in each piece. I never get in a hurry, and most of the pieces may take more than 100 hours to complete," said Hicks. "The slow process is important as it allows time for reflection on the history and meaning of the painting and how to best communicate and make art that others will connect with."

The art in this exhibition displays Hicks' use of mixed art mediums to create depth in her works.

"Many of the pieces are sculptural in nature in that the artwork is often two or three separate pieces that are layered and specially mounted to provide a dimensional effect," Hicks said.

Hicks lives in Bartlesville, Okla., and works full-time as an artist. A self-taught artist, Hicks has won several awards including second place at the 2022 Artesian Art Market in the 2D Mixed Media category and third place in the same category at the 2022 Cherokee Art Market.

"Our goal is to shine a light on the talented First American artists in Oklahoma and beyond," said Paige Shepherd, Chickasaw Nation Director of Tourism. "We are delighted to feature the works of Jennifer Hicks, an artist from Oklahoma, at our Welcome Center, providing visitors with the opportunity to appreciate and acquire her art."

Hick's artwork will be on display from November 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024, at the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center in Davis. For more information, visit <https://www.chickasawcountry.com/featured-artists-exhibits>.

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About Chickasaw Country

Nestled in the south-central region of Oklahoma, Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. A division of the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw Country is a tourism resource for visitors and communities in the region, promoting local attractions, experiences and events. South-central Oklahoma is an easy, versatile, friendly and beautiful escape packed with First American and Western culture, outdoor recreation, local dining, breathtaking landscapes and one-of-a-kind festivals. For adventure-seekers, cultural lovers and everything in between, Chickasaw Country is uniquely positioned as a go-to, spur of the moment, easy-to-get-to, ever-changing vacation, for a day, a weekend, a week or longer.

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