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## Press Release For Immediate Release

### ***“Ocean”***

Art exhibition for February / March 2010

An exhibition of new paintings by **Olga Seem** will open on February 16<sup>th</sup> and will continue through March 27<sup>th</sup> 2010, at the Davis and Cline Gallery in Ashland. The show titled ***“Ocean”*** will feature new work from the artist that relates to aquatic themes.

Since 1993, the artist has been exploring forms from nature. In her Artist Statement, Seem says, “My work might bring to mind prehistoric plants, oddities and deformities, some of which are the normal evolution of nature. Closely examining a form's structure, I glean from it what I deem essential to creating my personal language. Often it is a microcosmic view.”

While her new work has moved from the land to the sea, her signature elements have remained the same. In her current work, she mixes microscopic drawings of cell structures and single cell animals with the broader environment of the sea using the patterns of kelp beds, seaweed and turbulent sands to form pointillist backgrounds. Two magnificent triptychs form the heart of the show which includes seven paintings.

Born in 1927, Seem was raised in Los Angeles where she still lives. She received her MA from UCLA in 1963 and has won numerous awards including the Pollock-Krasner Foundation Artist Grant in 2002, two E.D. Foundation Artist Grants and the Fresno Art Museum Distinguished Artist for 2004.