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**Inspiring Land Conservation, One Painting at a Time:**  
 ESLT features local artist Debb Campbell at *Art for Conservation Show and Sale*

There’s something special about the Eastern Sierra: no matter where you stand or in what direction you look, this unique landscape has the ability to inspire. Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) has met many artists who recognize how important it is to preserve the Eastern Sierra’s fragile wilderness, breathtaking vistas, and rural heritage. These artists immortalize the Eastside’s wonders in their timeless works of art; their inspirations go hand in hand with ESLT’s mission to protect the Eastern Sierra’s wild and working lands in perpetuity.

As a part of its ongoing *Art for Conservation Show and Sale*, ESLT is pleased to announce that local artist Debb Campbell will be featured this weekend, August 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, in ESLT’s Celebrated Artists Series at Mono Council for the Arts Gallery in Mammoth Lakes. Debb will be at the gallery from 12-4pm both days to meet with visitors and showcase her handmade prints and cards, as well as a selection of her framed “plein air” watercolor and oil paintings. She will also offer demonstrations of the printmaking process, focusing on etching, collagraph, and relief methods, and will be carving a relief image and hand-printing it during her Celebrated Artist show.

Debb Campbell earned a BFA in studio art from UC Davis, and since retirement has focused her energy on her artwork. Her imagery is based on her travels and the inspiring landscapes she has encountered. Printmaking is her favorite medium, and since moving to the beautiful Eastern Sierra she has also enjoyed painting in the “plein air” style with both oil and watercolor mediums. In the future, she plans to explore the reductive wood block method to translate her plein air paintings into prints.

Those unable to join Debb Campbell at her Celebrated Artist show this weekend are encouraged to attend future events in this series. ESLT will feature Lady Jill Mueller on August 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, and Reno artist Erik Holland on August 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. All are also encouraged to visit Mono Council for the Arts Gallery during their normal business hours, between 12pm and 5pm seven days a week. Running through September 17<sup>th</sup>, ESLT’s *Art for Conservation Show and Sale* offers a collection of purchasable artwork that captures all the things we love most about the Eastside: from the towering Sierra Crest to the winding Owens River, and everything in between. Twenty-five percent of all art purchases associated with the show support ESLT’s important work to preserve the inspiring landscapes of the Eastern Sierra.

*ESLT works with willing landowners to preserve vital lands in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. ESLT’s goal is to preserve a healthy balance of land uses that can be sustained forever, ensuring both*



*a strong local economy and environment. For more information about ESLT's mission and preserved lands, visit our website at [www.eslt.org](http://www.eslt.org).*

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High resolution photos are attached to email. Low-resolution images with captions are shown below. For more images, please contact Allison Peeler at (760) 873-4554.



An etching made recently by Debb Campbell. This work and many more will be available for sale this weekend only at Mono Council for the Arts Gallery in Mammoth Lakes.



A small, plein-air watercolor of Convict Lake, painted by Debb Campbell on location just last week.