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Nature has much to teach us about the dynamics of change. The daily cycles of the tides brings a constantly churning mix of water flowing in and out of the estuary, shaping the sand spit and the river channel. The sunshine of one hour is replaced by mist and rain and cloud in the next hour, a constant dance that never repeats, leaving us always in wonder as to what will come next.

Today we announce another change. Starting on July 1, we will be transitioning from my leadership as executive director to the next phase of Sitka's exciting history. Jalene Case, our current program manager will take temporary hold of the reins as the interim executive director while we conduct a search for a new, more permanent replacement.

My decision to leave Sitka was a difficult one. This has been a

job that brings joy and personal fulfillment on a daily basis. I am surrounded by a whirling flow of some of the most amazing people on the planet. Artists, poets, photographers, musicians, sculptors, jewelry makers, writers, and lovers of the world all gather here for work and inspiration. And, of course, I have been so fortunate to work with a group of people on staff that makes me laugh... and think...and marvel at the generous, resilient spirit carried inside each person. Sitka's Board of Directors is made of a seldom recognized, but fantastically caring collection of very dear individuals. Their dedication and commitment to Sitka's values guide the organization and has helped us weather the storms of the last 5 years as we navigated through the turmoil of a tough economy, two construction projects and the establishment of a multi-million dollar endowment.

We have completed most of the goals we set out to accomplish when I began back in 2007. The organization is so much healthier than it was 5 years ago thanks to the incredible work of our staff, board, and volunteers who deeply love this place. Also, thanks to you our members and patrons. Without you taking classes and coming to artist open house gatherings, without you buying art at the art invitational, and sending us notes and feedback about our work...we wouldn't exist. Sitka is a community of around 4500 active participants. And we have an alumni base of nearly 17,000. All of us together create a powerful web of connectivity and creativity that reaches across the state, the region, and the world.

The Sitka Center is poised to embrace an exciting future of possibility. With a rich collection of workshops, a full roster of artist and writer residents, and an annually entertaining art invitational, we have shown the power of combining vision with action to make a positive difference in the world.

And this is where we would like to ask for your involvement. As I cycle out of my leadership role at Sitka, we need your help to find the next great person that will help Sitka move forward into becoming the very best it can be. If it isn't you...please think about who you might know who would be a great fit. Sitka deserves the very best. So until we meet again, keep nurturing your creative self.


-Eric

>> Executive Director Transition

We appreciate that some people would like more information about the Executive Director transition so we've created an [FAQ's](#) page with more details. You're also welcome to contact us with your questions at 541.994.5485 or info@sitkacenter.org.

The most important thing we can do right now is to let the right people know about this amazing job opportunity. **Would you help us find the next Sitka Center Executive Director?** Share the [job announcement & description](#) with people you think would do an amazing job leading Sitka into the future.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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