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**Water Works: An Exhibition of Artists' Expressions Concerning Water**

**Opening Reception:** July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

5:00 PM – Mayor Don Ness will welcome the artists.

5:15 PM – Water Blessing – Penny Charette, Red Cliff Band of Ojibwe

**Location:** Army Corps of Engineers Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center (also known as the Canal Park Maritime Museum) Canal Park, Duluth, MN

**Exhibition dates & times:** The Exhibit will open on July 17<sup>th</sup> and run through August 7<sup>th</sup> during Visitor Center hours 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public as part of Lake Superior Day activities.

**Background:** Using Tara Lohan's (2008) book *Water Consciousness* as a guide, sixteen artists participated in four dialogue circles to learn about and discuss water related issues. Using the energy generated by the topics and collaborative discussions, the participants then created art and which is the subject of this exhibition.

**Sponsors:** This exhibit was made possible through the support of: the Corps of Engineers' Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center, RBC Blue Water Partnership, MN

Lake Superior Coastal Program, NOAA, and has been facilitated by Sweetwater Alliance a nonprofit organization working to raise water literacy by merging the arts and science.

**The Artists:**

**Kristen Anderson** – Fiber artist  
**Michael K. Anderson** - Photographer  
**Ron Benson** – Glass Artist  
**Jean DeRider** – Photographer and water colorist  
**Peter Halquist** – Sculptor  
**Jamie Harvie** – Clay Mural  
**Joan Henrik** – Graphic Artist  
**Ann Klefstad** – Multi-media Artist  
**Joan Linski** - Multi-media Artist  
**Sean MacManus** – Stone Sculptor  
**Krista Matison** – Graphic Artist  
**Liz Minette** - Poet  
**Lorraine Norrgard** – Filmmaker and artist  
**Mary Plaster** – Puppet maker  
**Kristen Pless** - Photographer  
**Susan Ranfranz** – Multi-media Artist and art educator  
**Adriana Soeters** – Ceramics

Also on exhibit will be a 4 x 8 foot mural made of clay tiles created by participants of the Lake Superior Youth Symposium that was held in Duluth in May. Each participant made a tile to reflect what he or she learned about Lake Superior during the symposium. The Clay Mural project is a collaborative effort between the Institute for a Sustainable Future and Sweetwater Alliance.

Funding for these projects comes from the RBC Blue Water Project, The Minnesota Lake Superior Coastal Program and NOAA.

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## **Where the Spirit Resides in our Sacred Waters**

A presentation by Penny Charette

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.**

**Great Lakes Aquarium, 353 Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN**

## **Free and open to the public**

As part of Lake Superior Day activities Penny Charette a member of the Redcliff Band of Ojibwe will discuss Ojibwe spiritual connections to water.

Penny currently lives on the Bad River Reservation and is a full-time Native American Studies student attending Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College. She has conducted numerous cultural presentations pertaining to Ojibwe lifestyles and culture to communities and schools throughout the region.

This presentation is sponsored by Sweetwater Alliance and in collaboration with Lake Superior Day activities.

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