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The Golden Community Foundation, Columbia Basin Trust and the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners support the project.

"We couldn't have done this without our funding partners and the Art Gallery of Golden," Zimmerman said.

Many of the artists exhibiting are from the Kootenays, but Zimmerman has also managed to acquire a limited edition print by renowned artist Robert Bateman, which will be sold at a silent auction.

"It's wonderful to have Robert Bateman. He has a long history of generous contributions to conservation. Years ago he came through this area and made a few statements about the wetlands that I have been getting mileage out of for a long time. He donated a beautiful signed print."

The work in the gallery exhibit is for sale. A limited edition, full-colour, 32 page print catalogue will be available for sale through the gallery. Columbia Wetlands — Natural Inspiration will also be published on the internet at www.kicking-horseculture.ca/agog providing access to the exhibit to visitors from around the world.

"Wildsight believes that conservation gains are achieved through public education and raising awareness. Artists in all media have a unique vision. The environmental science is very important but art can engage our senses and stir our feelings. "Natural Inspiration will touch people's hearts," Zimmerman added, "and inspire us all to help sustain the Columbia Wetlands. We hope that the project will move viewers to a greater understanding, appreciation, and action."