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Endangered/Extinct

October 13 through December 1, 2012.

Calendar Listing: Art Community: The Audubon Center at Debs Park has invited Arroyo Arts Collective (AAC) members to create temporary exhibits addressing issues related to nature, with an emphasis on local birds found in Debs Park. Chosen work will be on display in the administrative office foyer for a three month period and be visible during normal operating hours.

According to environmentalists, biodiversity is one of the most desirable yet sensitive characteristics of a healthy environment. Deborah Thomas's mixed media eco-art installation "Endangered/Extinct" is a compelling reminder of the ongoing threat to biodiversity in the avian world. Featuring illustrations from John James Audubon's *The Birds of America* first published in 1827, the installation's repurposed windows frame fanciful views of American birds that are currently extinct or endangered.

Deborah Thomas is a Los Angeles mixed-media artist, curator and professor specializing in eco-art topics such as the wilderness and water.

Please join us on October 13th from 6 – 8pm, for an opening reception as part of NELAart Second Saturday Gallery Night. For more information visit www.arroyoartscollective.org.

A special thank you to the Audubon Center at Debs Park.

Who: The Arroyo Arts Collective and Audubon Center at Debs Park

What: *Endangered/Extinct*

Where: Audubon Center at Debs Park, 4700 North Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90031

Hours: Opening Reception Saturday, October 13, 2012 6-8pm

The Audubon Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

How much: This event is free

Information: Go to www.arroyoartscollective.org

Editors Please Note:

The Arroyo Arts Collective was established in 1989, as a community organization of artists, writers and performers who live and work in Northeast Los Angeles. The mission of the Arroyo Arts Collective is to develop and present creative events that educate while fostering an awareness of the creative vitality of Northeast Los Angeles.

<http://ArroyoArtsCollective.org/>

AUDUBON CENTER AT DEBS PARK: The Center's mission is to inspire people to experience, understand and care for the local natural world. Located in a wildlife corridor for migratory birds, Debs Park is a haven for 138 species of birds. Its nature-based education and community programs are designed to engage children and their families in the outdoor world, and to give them a personal stake in its protection by making environmental issues relevant to their lives. The Center, which is surrounded by predominately Latino neighborhoods, is a unique gathering place and dynamic focal point for outdoor recreation, environmental education and conservation. action <http://audubondebspark.org>

Photos available on request.