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SHAPIRO JOINS YOLO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

July, 2007 ---Woodland, CA. Cath Posehn, Executive Director of Yolo Community Foundation, announced that Nancy Shapiro, of Davis, is joining the board of directors. Posehn said, “We are delighted to have Nancy join us. Because of the importance of agriculture in Yolo County, her experience and expertise in agriculture will add an important perspective to the Yolo Community Foundation board.”

Yolo Community Foundation promotes philanthropy that benefits the Yolo County region. Yolo Community Foundation’s purpose is to create a lasting resource, committed to building civic investment and community involvement. Yolo Community Foundation hopes to establish a tradition of generosity that has led many people to invest their time and philanthropic dollars to support the common good. Their mission is “To match the philanthropic interests of donors with the needs and opportunities of the Yolo County community.”

Shapiro says of her commitment to Yolo Community Foundation’s board, “Giving is much more than writing a check. It is about being involved, supporting your community and caring about the future. To be sure financial support is important and has its place, but if you can, a gift of leadership can be much more.”

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Before moving to Davis, Shapiro lived for the past 16 years on the banks of the Rio Grande in Northern New Mexico where she and her husband, Howard Shapiro, were certified organic farmers and orchard keepers on 17 acres. There, they developed Seeds of Change (an organic seed and food co.) Their involvement with the company integrated a shared commitment to biodiversity, organic sustainable agriculture systems and organic seed production with their personal lifestyle and commitment to sustainability. In 1997, the company was acquired by Mars, Incorporated. Shapiro also has experience with public outreach, education, and donation.

Prior to New Mexico, Shapiro lived in Chicago, Illinois where she taught metalsmithing for many years as a University professor. Nancy Shapiro is an internationally recognized artist, metalsmith and jewelry designer now working out of her studio in Davis, California. Her career has spanned over 35 years as a goldsmith and silversmith. She is widely exhibited, known for her innovative use of the cuttlebone casting technique, which she has championed internationally, becoming an expert with direct pour casting techniques.

Shapiro also volunteers with the U.C. Sustainable Agriculture Research and Educational Program, the Arboretum, and Audobon. Her primary philanthropic interests are in conservation, science education and the arts. Shapiro and her husband, Howard, have a daughter, Sedra, who works with the San Diego Foundation, and manages the Shapiro Family Fund.

Other Yolo Community Foundation board members are: Margaret S. Burns, Susan Collins, Paul Harder, Joan Hogan, Charles Lacy, Jamie Madison, Mike O'Donahue, Jim Rodgers, Mortimer Schwartz, and Amy Wilson.

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Formed in 2001, Yolo Community Foundation is a nonprofit public resource created by and for the people of Yolo County for community philanthropy that helps donors make a positive impact on their community. Yolo Community Foundation enables individuals of both modest means and significant wealth to support nonprofit organizations that provide vital programs and services and to contribute to a permanent endowment for the people of Yolo County. Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. They offer a variety of giving tools to help people and businesses achieve their charitable goals. Donors can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, charitable IRA transfers, or other assets and receive maximum charitable and tax benefits.

Yolo Community Foundation is one of nearly 700 community foundations nationwide. To find out more about YCF, visit the website at www.yolocf.org or call 530-312-0593.

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