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HOUSTON ART CARS COMING TO UVALDE WEDNESDAY, JULY 26!

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(July, 2023) Houston-based artist and activist Sarah Gish was devastated when the school shooting happened in Uvalde one year ago. She headed to the town one month later, on June 25, bringing her art car and art supplies and children's books and her 20' x 20' portable labyrinth to share with the community. "I couldn't sit in Houston and just watch and do nothing! I know that art & meditation & reading are catalysts for healing, so I brought tools for that." said Sarah.

She connected with El Progreso Memorial Library director Mendell Morgan and stationed herself there to read children's stories about love, and encouraged kids to make art. She also meditated with people on her labyrinth (which was set up inside the library) and met with the staff at St. Philip's Episcopal Church about activating their peaceful labyrinth for healing. And because Uvalde was known as the "Honey Capitol of the World," Sarah brought back special honey to sell in Houston at 2 stores, Local Foods and Central City Co-Op. She could only be in Uvalde for 28 hours but was grateful to help.

PRESS RELEASE

When the one-year mark for the tragedy was near, Sarah organized a special public “Healing for Uvalde” event for her hometown of Houston on May 24 at a large downtown park that again included meditative walks on her labyrinth as well as sound baths by 2 practitioners, Saumil Manek and Soufiane Sattfa, bubble meditations by Tracie Jae, and the creation of a special commemorative painting by Krystal Brown. Houstonians came out to support the event and to remember the loss of 21 beautiful people.

Houston is known as “The Art Car Capitol of the World” and has been the host of an annual art car parade since 1986. 250 cars from around the world participate in that beloved city event, which draws approximately 300,000 spectators. It is the largest public event of its kind in Houston, and is presented by The Orange Show Center for Visionary Art.

Sarah participates in that parade and is an active member of the Houston Art Car Klub. She is a “daily driver” of her art cars and has been making them since 2004. She is currently driving her 6th art car, Iggy the Igniter (pictured). She wanted to return to Uvalde this year with a group of art cars to bring cheer to the children and comfort to the grieving community. Art and especially art cars – mobile museums for all -- are a unique way to do that.

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Sarah connected again with Mr. Morgan to determine the best time to return to Uvalde. “We are so grateful you haven’t forgotten us!” he told her. Sarah has rounded up a group of art cars to make the four-hour drive from Houston to take part in the Library’s **End of Summer Reading Party on Wednesday, July 26th at 10:30am. They will also parade throughout the town at 1pm.** The Houston artists taking part with Sarah will be Amy Lynch, Joe Haden, Jada August, Johnny Long, and Joanne Quinn Owens.

They look forward to a special day of colorful art, lively cars, big smiles, and lots of fun for everyone!

A summary of the event follows on the next page.

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Summary

WHO: Sarah Gish and other Houston Art Car artists Amy Lynch, Joe Haden, Jada August, Johnny Long, and Joanne Quinn Owens.

WHAT: Art cars attending the library's End of Summer Reading Party and creating a parade in town

WHEN: Wednesday, July 26 at 10:30am (library party) and at 1pm (pop-up parade)

WHERE: El Progreso Memorial Library, 301 Main Street and City of Uvalde

WHY: To bring love and cheer to the town's children and adults.