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Railroad Museum to Debut Creative Exhibit Titled “Sculpture With a RE-Purpose” on December 19 *Exhibit to Showcase Sculptures Made from Scrap Metal by Northern California Artist*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to debut a visually-exciting new exhibit titled “Sculpture With a RE-Purpose: The Found Art of Ray Carrington” on December 19, 2014. This is a “part two” follow-up exhibit to one that was first introduced at the Railroad Museum in 2013, displaying other creative works by the talented Fairfield artist.

“Sculpture With a RE-Purpose” will showcase more than 40 sculptures -- ranging in size from 10 inches to more than four feet in height -- made from cast-off tools, railroad spikes, track components and other pieces of scrap metal retrieved from abandoned logging railroads and sawmills. Cleverly designed and repurposed to reflect the strength and vitality of the laborers who once worked with these items, some still bear the markings of their original use and reflect the ravages of time.

Railroad Museum visitors will have the up-close opportunity to see and appreciate the technical craftsmanship, strength and finesse of each individual sculpture. Information about the science behind the variety of welding techniques used by the artist will also be included in the exhibit. Shortly after the exhibit opens, an interactive station will be added so interested visitors can experiment with electromagnets and create their own temporary “found art” metal sculptures.

Since 1966, exhibits of Carrington’s imaginative sculptures have been in held in galleries from the San Francisco Bay Area and Portland, Oregon, to Washington, D.C. and Chicago, Illinois.. The “Sculpture With a RE-Purpose: The Found Art of Ray Carrington” exhibit will be located in the Mezzanine Gallery and remain on display through November 21, 2015. For more information about the California State Railroad Museum, please visit www.csrnf.org or call 916-323-9280.

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. Widely regarded as North America’s finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.csrnf.org or call (916) 323-9280.

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