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# Ascaya to showcase sculptor Dorit Schwartz

## Artist reception planned for Sept. 5

Local sculptor Dorit Schwartz, whose well-known for her work with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, will showcase several new pieces and prints during Ascaya's Art in Architecture event Sept. 5 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The free event welcomes guests to meet Schwartz and view the new additions to her "The Light Within" collection that will reside in the luxury custom home community's clubhouse until Sept. 14.

Schwartz, who is returning to Ascaya for a second time, said the community with 313 custom estate sites, exemplifies the beauty and strength of the desert.

"It has always been my passion to bring the outdoors inside, so that's when 'The Light Within' was born," said Schwartz, who has been sculpting for 25 years. "Knowing that crystal has such an energy and people are becoming so much more spiritual and connected with Mother Nature, I felt it was important to connect those two elements in an artistic way that could be adorned in homes as art."

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In addition to Ascaya, Schwartz has pieces that are on display at the Wynn Home Store at the Esplanade of the Encore Hotel, the Art360° Exhibit inside the Mayor's office at City Hall, in Japan and in galleries throughout the country.

"The Light Within" is a collection of crystal and wood sculptures that were inspired by Mother Nature.

Schwartz said a new addition to the collection, hand-painted lithographs, offers a fresh take on the sculptures and will be individually numbered and signed. All of Schwartz's pieces that will be on display are available for purchase.

Schwartz has been a Southern Nevada-based sculptor for the past 20 years. Since 2008 she has served full time as the resident artist for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospi-



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tal, Las Vegas Chapter. It was there that she first created her now iconic sculptural work "Celebration of Life."

Pieces from this collection can be seen at various locations throughout the city of Las Vegas, such as The Discovery Children's Museum, The Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Downtown Summerlin, Summerlin Hospital, UNLV, City Hall, and Symphony Park at The Smith Center.