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**Artist Cassandra Tondro to Exhibit Eco-Friendly Paintings
at AltBuild Expo 2011**

Cassandra Tondro, of Tondro Green Art, will be the only artist exhibiting at the 8th annual Alternative Building Materials and Design (AltBuild) Expo this year, and possibly the first artist to ever exhibit there. Her colorful and contemporary abstract paintings are created with salvaged and eco-friendly materials, making her artwork attractive to architects and interior designers working on sustainable projects, as well as others in the "green" building industry.

Tondro's paintings are created using discarded house paint, which she gets from the Santa Monica Household Hazardous Waste Center and reject shelves at home improvement stores. Artists are usually free to choose their colors, and an artist's color palette is often a signature of their work. Tondro enjoys the challenge of working with the colors that she finds, rather than colors of her choice. By visiting these outlets regularly, she has put together a collection of unusual colors. Once a color is gone, it is unlikely that she will ever find that exact color again. The paints come in several finishes, including flat, satin, semi-gloss, and eggshell, adding interest to the surface of her paintings.

Tondro Green Art will be showing eco-friendly paintings in Booth 91 at the show, and Tondro's artwork will also be featured in the ReUse Haus, a backyard multipurpose structure built from salvaged materials.

AltBuild Expo is on May 6 and 7, 2011, 10am - 5pm at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. A complete list of speakers, exhibitors and events can be found on the AltBuild Expo website: www.altbuilddexpo.com. Admission is free.

Cassandra Tondro's paintings have been featured in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and are in public, corporate and private collections both nationally and internationally. She works with art consultants, architects and interior designers to create site-specific custom original paintings from salvaged and sustainable materials. To see images of Tondro's paintings and to read more about her work, please visit www.tondro.com.

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