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OPENING OF SPRING ART EXHIBITION AT MARK WENTWORTH HOME

The Mark Wentworth Home is pleased to invite the public to an exhibition featuring local artists throughout the galleries within the Home's Assisted Living residence on March 16th at 4:00pm.

The Home's Board of Trustees Art Committee, headed by Cynthia Knapp, has organized an exhibit of local artists whose work will be featured in an "Artistry in the Home" exhibition, to promote the importance of supporting local artists. The Spring Show will open on Tuesday, March 16th and feature more than a dozen local artists.

Artists exhibiting include: Photographer, Douglas Coleman; Pastel and Floorcloth Artist, Ellie Kirkpatrick; Watercolorist, Jane Chisholm; Photographer, Pat Boyd-Robertson; Painters, Gail Kennedy, Anne Hodge, Carla Marvin, and Jane O'Connell; and works by Joan Harlow, Cindy Lewis, and Cheryl Farley.

The works of Hodge and O'Connell have been on loan to the Home since yearly last year and have inspired a rotating schedule of local artists for 2010. Having local art in the Home is something that many of the Residents value and have appreciated over the past year. "I often hear Residents pointing out their favorite pieces to visiting family members, and visitors always notice the art when taking a tour of the building. Many of our guests will stop to take in a piece that depicts a familiar place to them. The art has been a wonderful conversation starter for us all, and Residents have enjoyed being able to purchase works to display in their own spaces." Says Gretchen Poehlman, the Home's Director of Marketing.

The opening of the Spring Show is open to the public and will feature art for sale. All artists featured in the Spring Show will be present at the opening to discuss their work. Cynthia Knapp will be available to discuss the schedule of gallery space for upcoming exhibits. Biographies of each artist is available – please call Gretchen Poehlman for more information.

The Mark Wentworth Home is a non-profit assisted living and nursing home community located in an historic Portsmouth estate on Pleasant Street. The Home has been serving Seacoast seniors since 1911 by providing a culture of successful aging and personalized services for its residents. The Home is a regular meeting place for the Seacoast's senior organizations and clubs and families of its Residents – the perfect venue to display artistic works of high intrigue and cultural value.