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Watercolor Paintings and Monoprints In Katonah

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Katonah, NY - In September, the walls of the Garden Gallery in the Katonah Village Library will be adorned with the watercolor paintings and monoprints of Golden's Bridge resident Ellen Brief.

Ms. Brief draws upon the painting techniques and diversifies color expertise she honed during her twenty years designing floral and abstract textiles for sofas, settees, sheets and shades.

"I sometimes try, but ultimately can't abandon the floral image. Color - brilliant and diversifies saturates the natural world and seeps into my paintings. The mood, that hue and intensity evoke, is both dramatic and transmitted instinctively," she stated.

The traditional art training Ms. Brief acquired while attending revered institutions such as New York City's High School of Music and Art, Seattle's Cornish School of Allied Arts, and the Woman's Studio Workshop at the Castello di Potentino in Seggiano, Italy, adds to the sturdy foundation and technique that frames her artwork.

On display will be the landscape and abstract monoprints the artist created in Tuscany - silk aquatints- each uniquely embellished with watercolor and pencil. "I have always admired artwork that uses multiple images. This repetition highlights the subtle or stark differences, and paradoxically, in the same instance points to the similar visual elements that unify," commented Ms. Brief.

Ms. Brief moved to Lewisboro twenty years ago, after a decade living in an apartment on Manhattan's West 12th street. "I traded 300 square feet with views of a brick wall for a suburban space illuminated by light from seven skylights - an environment much more in sync with my work," she explained.

"One of the first places I visited when I moved north was the Katonah Village Library. I have felt a connection to this amazing community institution since the first week I joined its book group, two-decades ago. This longstanding relationship is why I am honored to have the opportunity to show my artwork in the Garden Gallery," she said.

The "Watercolor Paintings and Monoprints" show opens on Tuesday, September 8, and continues through Sunday, October 4, 2009. The artist's reception is on Saturday, September 12, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The Katonah Village Library, accessible by Metro North, is located at 26 Bedford Road.

The Garden Gallery hours are: Monday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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