



Press Release

Event Name: IN BLOOM

Date: MARCH 25th & 26th, 2006

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 - 5pm SUNDAY 12 - 5pm

Opening Reception: Sat. March 25th 3 - 9pm Sun. March 26th 12 - 5pm

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Dot Bunn Celebrates Spring at Howard Gallery

The snow has melted, and Howard Gallery of Fine Art is excited to welcome the coming of Spring with *In Bloom*, an exhibit showing new paintings by Bucks County artist Dot Bunn. The public is invited to attend the artist's opening reception on Saturday, March 25, from 3 to 9 pm., as well as Sunday, March 26, from 1 to 4 pm.

Howard Gallery is hosting Dot's inaugural Spring Show featuring new floral and still life paintings in addition to her well-known landscapes. Dot's technique and vision continues to grow as can be seen in her rich use of color and sense of atmospheric light. Many of these new works were inspired by last years garden tours of Bucks County and her own Red Stone Farm Studio property. One of Dot's newest paintings, titled *Hidden Garden*, was selected by the Bucks Beautiful Garden Fair for its 2006 publicity poster and will be on display. "This painting captures the romance of English gardens. I discovered this little herb garden spilling out onto the gravel pathway inviting me to wander through its magic." quotes Dot. "Being an artist has meant accepting certain limitations in my life and working seriously on a daily basis in my studio. Like any talent you have to work at it in order to have the fluid hand that makes a piece of art seem effortless. You work to get beyond the technical aspects of understanding color, composition and the process of drawing so that you can focus fully on the emotional side of your work. A great pianist does not have to think about each key that she is playing and therefore the music becomes a work of pure emotion. I find that if I work consistently there are fewer times that I feel blocked creatively."

In Bloom, the exhibits title, takes its name from a work that Dot poetically describes as "A tree in May knows what to wear and scatters petals in her hair, then so her dress will be complete, she spreads bright colors at her feet." Dot has displayed many of her poetic descriptions along side the painting to give the viewer an insight into the emotional feeling that inspired the piece. She describes *Spring on Cuttalossa Road* and *Sheep on Cuttalossa Road* by saying, "What Bucks County Artist has not traveled along this favorite path. So many of the New Hope Impressionists found inspiration here and I am no exception." Bunn explains that she does not consider herself an "Impressionist" painter. She defines her subject in oils using her own style and the technological advances available, but she does feel connected to the turn-of-the-century Bucks County Impressionists by choice of subject matter and a love of the local landscape.

Dot's recognition from local and regional juried exhibitions include an award for her painting *Barge on the New Hope Canal* at the Coryell Gallery, 26th Annual Juried Exhibition. Other awards and juried exhibits include: American Artists Professional League, Grand National Exhibition, NYC; Phillips' Mill; Phila./Tri State Artist Equity; Tincum Arts Festival; 53rd Central Adirondack Art Show; Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, NYC; Salmagundi Club, NYC; Berks Art Alliance; Art Association of Harrisburg; Artsbridge at Prallsville Mills; Arts Council of Princeton and Woodmere. She has recently been added to the James A. Michener Art Museum's database of Bucks County Artists.

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Visitors to the exhibit can also view works by gallery artists in the spacious eight-room recently renovated 200 year old building. All works displayed are originals created by living regional artists. Collectors may peruse an eclectic variety of art in the 3000 square-foot area, including fused-glass, art objects, cast-bronze sculpture along with paintings. Gallery owner Howard Cooperman states, “ My goal is to make Howard Gallery a household name, and to represent the finest, most talented artists in the region, so when people are searching for art, they’ll know I’m here.”

Two life-size bronze sculptures by internationally recognized artist Seward Johnson, Jr., can’t be missed outside at Howard Gallery of Fine Art, 77 West Bridge Street in New Hope. Gallery hours are Tuesday thru Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday, Noon to 5 pm, and by appointment. Call 215-862-5272 or visit www.howard-gallery.com. “*In Bloom*” continues until April 15

Picture Caption: *Spring Sensation* by Dot Bunn at Howard Gallery of Fine Art, New Hope

Sunny Geraniums by Dot Bunn at Howard Gallery of Fine Art, New Hope