The Sawtooth School for Visual Art and the Arts Council of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County in Winston-Salem, NC, **Feature Works by Leo Rucker**

The Sawtooth School for Visual Art and the Arts Council of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County in Winston-Salem, NC, is presenting Role Model Beyond Beauty, on view in the Davis Gallery, through Aug. 5, 2013.

This show is an exhibition of pastel portraits by Winston-Salem artist Leo Rucker celebrating women from the National Black Theatre Festival, the NC Black Repertory Company, and other women of color from around the world who are role models beyond beauty. The show has been selected from more than 150 portraits in the personal collection of Lafayette and Sandra Jones, executive partners of SMSi-Urban Call Marketing.

Rucker began his career at age five, and is closely connected to the local community through a variety of artistic projects. He has painted murals in many local spaces over the past twenty years - from schools (Diggs Elementary) and community locations (Winston Lake YMCA and Experiment in

Self Reliance) to outdoor locations (Transportation Center) and for private homes.

Rucker is also noted for his portraits, in media ranging from pencil to pastel, oil and acrylic. He has been commissioned to produce portraits of legendary local figures including the late Judge Roland Hayes, and Larry Leon Hamlin, founder of the National Black Theatre Festival. Since 1996 he has created original pastel portraits of accomplished ethnic women for Black Hair magazine's "Role Models" column on a monthly basis.

The Delta Arts Center in Winston-Salem will also exhibit paintings and drawings by Rucker that reflect his involvement in the community, as well as a short video of the artist discussing his mural projects, produced exclusively for this exhibition.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the School at 336/723-7395 or visit (www. sawtooth.org).

Seacoast Artists Guild in Myrtle Beach, SC, Features Works by Pat Mariano

The Seacoast Artists Guild in Myrtle Beach, SC, will present an exhibit of works by Pat Mariano, on view in the Seacoast Artists Gallery, in The Market Common in Myrtle Beach, from Aug. 1 -31, 2013. A reception will be held on Aug. 3, from 1-4pm.



Work by Pat Mariano

A native of Erie, PA, Mariano has traveled and lived all over the world with her husband who worked for the Dept. of State in the US Diplomatic Corp. She worked as a computer graphic artist between diplomatic postings. One day, seeking shelter from a rain storm, Mariano visited a quilt show and her artistic endeavors took another direction. She began her journey into fabric art: collaging, adding paper and digital images, then adding stitching, acrylic paint, ink and oil pastels.

Mariano' works have been juried into many quilt and fine art shows, most recently ArtFields in Lake City, SC, the Waccamaw and the Seacoast Artists Guild shows, winning awards in both of the Guild shows



Work by Pat Mariano

The Seacoast Artists Gallery exhibits the original artwork of over 70 local artists. Oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, fiber art, photography, engraved silver and pottery is just some of the media that can be viewed and purchased at the gallery.

The Seacoast Artists Guild is a 501(c) (3) non-profit visual arts organization dedicated to promoting and advancing excellence in the visual arts through teaching, exhibits, workshops and special events. It is focused on developing and nurturing young artists-to-be through training programs, sponsorship of art scholarships and art shows.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Guild at 843/232-7009 or visit (www.seacoastartistsguild.com)









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NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, Offers Works by Maureen O'Neill

NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, will present an exhibit of recent painting by Maureen O'Neill, on view in the Mims Arts Gallery, from Aug. 16 through Sept. 29, 2013. A reception will be held on Sept. 13, from 7-9pm.

Maureen O'Neill is an abstract painter working in a variety of media. Her paintings refer to our familiar surroundings and in particular to those in her personal life. She says her work depends on everyday moments of seeing...visual moments, both immediate and from memory. Her images are not representational but an attempt to find their visual essence, "a way that reconnects with the core of the experience, its visual magic, and rightness." Bold design, modulated color, and emphatic brushwork are the painterly qualities in O'Neill's abstractions.

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Work by Maureen O'Neill

The artist received her BFA in Painting from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and her MFA in Painting from the Rhode Island School of Design. While at RISD she received the Award of Excellence for outstanding work as a graduate continued on Page 35 June 1999

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