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Main Line Art Center Showcases Founding Professional Artist Members in Exhibition

May 23-June 13; Reception June 1, 6-9 pm

HAVERFORD, PA (May 15, 2012)—Main Line Art Center will end the 2011/2012 exhibition calendar with an exhibition of impressive work done by Founding Members of its new Professional Artist Membership program. The Professional Artists' Exhibition will run May 23 –June 13 and will feature 2- and 3-D works by 73 of the region's most talented artists. The Art Center will host a free and open to the public reception on Friday, June 1 from 6-9 pm where the community can meet the artists and purchase unique works of art.

The Professional Artist Membership program developed out of the Art Center's desire to support the careers of professional artists by providing exhibition opportunities, visibility and advanced career development opportunities. After an application process in the fall evaluating each artist's educational background, exhibition participation and gallery experience, 73 diverse artists were selected, including painters, photographers, sculptors, mixed media artists and more. Throughout the year, the Art Center has highlighted each Professional Artist Member on Facebook and Twitter, as well as a new webpage and gallery on the Art Center's website:

<http://www.mainlineart.org/professional-artists.php>. Many of the artists developed their skills throughout the years in classes and workshops at Main Line Art Center and have exhibited their work in various Art Center exhibitions.

The Founding Members of the Professional Artist Membership Program include:

Deena Ball, Lori Banks, Al Barker, Sarah Barr, Elaine Bass, Beverly Benson, Trina Brand, Elizabeth Breakell, Dot Bunn, Carol Collins, Karen Love Cooler, Pia De Girolamo, Suzanne Pitak Davis, Joanne DeMartino, Michael Diven, Marlene B. Dubin, Teresa McWilliams Farina, Marge Feldman, Deborah Fine, Ruth Formica, Nikolai Fox, Linda Dubin Garfield, Barbara Glickman, Georgianna Grentzenberg, Antonio Grimaldi, Bonnie Gross, Nancy E. F. Halbert, Barbara Hanselman, Dwight Harris, Louise Herring, Mary Powers Holt, Vittia Horwitz, Mary Kane, Meg Kennedy, Diane Lachman, Alice Laputka, Marilyn Lavins, Monique Lazard, Deborah Leavy, Kathryn Lee, Victoria McNeil Le Vine, Dale Levy, L. C. Lim, Elaine Lisle, Carla Lombardi, Sandi Neiman Lovitz, Wendy McClatchy, L. A. Mestishen, Bonnie Mettler, Betsy Miraglia, Lee Muslin, Bernice Paul, Doris Peltzman, Jean Plough, Laura Pritchard, Eva Ramanuskas, Dorothy Roschen, Jerri Ross, Rona Satten, Maria Schneider, Antoinette Seymour, Margaret Shattuck, Tad Sperry, Karen Steen, Susan Stefanski, Christine Stoughton, Nancy Tabas, Nury Vicens, Susan Wallack, Marylyn Waltzer, Hanni Weinstock, Ruth Wolf, Armen Yepoyan

The gallery at Main Line Art Center is free and open to the public Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Friday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm and will feature extended hours on First Friday, June 1 from 6-9 pm for the opening reception.

For 75 years, Main Line Art Center has enriched the lives of artists of all ages, levels and abilities

through high quality visual arts classes led by professional Teaching Artists, community outreach programs serving diverse audiences, cutting-edge exhibition and events, and artistic development opportunities. The Art Center continues to support the mission originally set forth by its founders: To inspire and engage artistic creativity for all ages and abilities and to celebrate and strengthen the essential role of visual art in community life. Last year alone nearly 15,000 individuals, ages two to senior citizens, participated in our programs and chose the Art Center as their home for creativity and growth, just as generations of community members have before them.

Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, behind the Wilkie Lexus dealership just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. For more information about this event or Main Line Art Center's other programs, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272

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