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GCC FALL ART EXHIBIT OPENS SEPTEMBER 11

Deptford Twp**. –** Seven regional artists will showcase their work at a two-hour reception in The Dr. Ross Beitzel Art Gallery at Gloucester County College beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 11.

Art Gallery Director Eoin Kinnarney said the free program will include live music during the reception with the exhibit providing a unique assortment of photographs, paintings, pastels and fiber art. Among the artists participating in the open house and month-long exhibit are Scott Cranmer and Erin Endicott of Port Republic, Pam Laurenzi of Laurel Springs, Susan Lindsey of Cherry Hill, Vickie Mathas of Mount Laurel, Kristin Osgood of Mantua and Debbie Zakheim of Philadelphia.

Artist Pam Laurenzi combines a graceful touch to her landscapes and beach scenes using pastel chalks and sandpaper in strokes of vibrant colors, merging light and space. Her distinctive approach and gift for bringing shadows and reflections together create a spiritual awareness in her work.

Since grammar school, painting has been an outlet for Susan Lindsey. A studio art/art history graduate of Rosemont College in Philadelphia, Lindsey worked in visual merchandising for major retail firms highlighting fashion trends and housewares. In 1988, she started a decorative painting business that has sustained her to the present. Lindsey has studied with internationally recognized faux-finishing artist Ina Marx, traveled to Tuscany for plein air painting and taken additional art classes helping her to pursue her love of painting despite the demands of a growing business and family.

"Life experience shapes our view of the world," said Lindsey. "My life, as with so many of us, has been filled with both deep loss and great happiness. These days, I want

my optimism to fuel the direction of my art. I hope to express my views and tell my stories in my canvases."

"As an artist, I want to capture the hidden colors waiting to be discovered in nature's palette," said Vickie Mathas, a fiber artist who works with mixed mediums. Mathas refers to these images created by the combination of natural materials morph into surrealistic worlds as "Totem Images," symbols that bring about an awareness of natural environments. Specializing in art quilts, her pieces are matched, quilted, free-motion quilted, and finally embellished with yarns, buttons, semi-precious stones, beads, metal weaving, needle punching and sculpted clay faces.

Kristin Osgood teaches graphic design and photography at West Deptford High School and was honored as the 2008 Art Educator of the Year Award —High School Division—for New Jersey. Osgood earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from Moore College of Art & Design followed by a degree in art education from Rowan University. She has studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Florence Academy of Art, Laguna College of Art and has mentored under American realist painter Jeremy Lipking. Osgood is vice president of the Art Educators of New Jersey and is currently pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in studio art at Moore College in Philadelphia.

Gloucester County College's art reception is free and there is parking a short walk from the College Center. The art exhibit may be viewed six days a week until October 5. The Art Gallery's hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gloucester County College's 250-acre campus is located on Tanyard Road in Deptford, just off Exit 56 of Route 55.

Information on the September 11 art show can be obtained by calling (856) 415-2122.