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ART EVENT LISTING:

This April, the Geary Gallery of Darien presents "Great Escapes-Paintings of the City, Land and Sea" featuring the dazzling work of Ridgefield resident, Hans Fischer. Plus, see Judith Carbine's plein air paintings that celebrate the beauty of New England. The exhibit runs from April 1- April 28.

Open Wednesdays - Saturdays, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. 576 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT 06820.
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THE GEARY GALLERY IN DARIEN PRESENTS:

**HANS FISCHER'S "GREAT ESCAPES — PAINTINGS OF THE CITY, LAND AND SEA"
PLUS, "CELEBRATE NEW ENGLAND" WITH JUDITH CARBINE'S PLEIN AIR PAINTINGS**

March, 2012, Darien, CT... The Geary Gallery of Darien (www.gearygallery.com) proudly presents Ridgefield resident Hans Fischer's "Great Escapes — Paintings of the City, Land and Sea." Plus, "Celebrate New England" with Judith Carbine's plein air paintings. These two exquisite exhibits run concurrently, April 1-April 28 at the Geary Gallery, located at 576 Boston Post Road in Darien.

Featured Artist, April

Hans Fischer

".... Capturing the shimmer of light on water, the patterns of light as you turn a corner on a crisp sunny morning. One side of the street so bright you squint while the shadows are so deep you can't see into them. Just color and shape, light and dark." So describes Hans Fischer about his approach to painting.



He is known for exploring the blending of contemporary representational imagery with the abstract. His goal is to visually merge the best qualities of both styles by utilizing a mix of media, texture, color, and strong composition – to capture the sense of a place through its light and color, rather than just "rendering" a specific location. He uses powerful brushwork, strong contrasts and bold color relationships to create complex organic textures.

Mr. Fischer works with encaustic, oil, and acrylics, often combining them, to achieve unique, vibrant, translucent surfaces with strong graphic qualities that engage viewers. He likes the idea of visually stimulating a person's curiosity - to get close, touch and feel the surfaces, connect with the work in an almost physical way as well as a visually satisfying one.

Born in Holland, raised in Harrison NY, Mr. Fischer has lived in Ridgefield, CT for many years and maintains his studio there. After college his early years as a “starving artist” were interrupted by the U.S. Army and The Sixties. His painting career was further put on hold by corporate America, and a career in graphic design and art direction. In 1989 Mr. Fischer established his own graphic design company. But the love of art has always pulled hard and he has been able to concentrate, full time, on painting for most of the last decade. He truly enjoys the experience and process of creating art and his emotion is reflected in his work.

Mr. Fischer studied art at Akademie voor Kunst, Eindhoven, Holland and received his B.S. in Industrial Design at the University of Bridgeport. He has furthered his studies at Silvermine Guild of Artists in New Canaan, CT.

His work is shown in galleries and is in private collections in the U.S. and abroad. He has received numerous juried awards including the New York Art Directors Award, Communication Arts Annual Award, Fairfield County Art Directors Show, the CADC “The One” Show Award, and the American Art and Print Institute Award.

To read more about Hans Fischer, visit his biography

<http://www.gearygallery.com/gallery/?catalog=artist&function=detail&id=109>

on the Geary Gallery site, and view his paintings on his online gallery.

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Featured Artist, April Judith Carbine



“Painting outdoors is an exciting and refreshing visual adventure. The challenge is to capture the splendor of nature with every painting,” said Ms. Carbine, who varies her palette with each location. “New England has some of the most magnificent landscapes in the country, and it’s an endless source of inspiration for me,” she explained.

A self-taught artist, Judith Carbine was greatly influenced by French and American impressionism, and her artwork has been

profiled in American Artist Magazine, and has been published in the books *The Zen of Creative Painting* and *Strengthen Your Paintings with Dynamic Composition*.

For more than twenty years, Judith Carbine has captured the grandeur of the New England landscape. The Vermont native will be returning to Geary Gallery to unveil a new series of engaging Plein Air oil paintings that celebrate the majesty of nature. The month-long exhibit will showcase many of her trademark subjects including Long Island sand dunes, Vermont snow scenes, inspirational gardens of Connecticut, and dramatic seascapes of the Eastern Seaboard.

The Geary Gallery is thrilled to have Ms. Carbine back at the gallery for this live appearance. “Judith is one of the area’s most celebrated artists and many of her previous exhibits have completely sold out,” said Tom Geary, owner of the gallery. “She continues to receive wide-spread acclaim for beautifully blended colors and a notable talent for capturing the nuances of New England. This exhibit is a collection of Judith’s finest works to date, and we’re happy to be bringing it to our Fairfield County community.” Ms. Carbine continues to receive regional recognition and has received Best in Show awards from both the Chester (VT) Art Guild and the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.

Judith Carbine’s exhibit will open with the evening reception on Saturday, March 31, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Geary Gallery, located in at 576 Boston Post Road in Darien. The public is invited to meet the artist, and admission is free. To read more about Judith Carbine on the Geary Gallery website, visit her biography

<http://www.gearygallery.com/gallery/?catalog=artist&function=detail&id=6> and view her online gallery.

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Both exhibits run through the end of April. Artwork will be available for acquisition. The Geary Gallery is open to the public Wednesdays – Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and is located at 576 Boston Post Road in Darien, CT, 06820. For more information, contact (203) 655-6633 or visit www.gearygallery.com.

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About Geary Gallery:

Founded in 1984, Geary Gallery is one of Fairfield County’s preeminent art galleries, featuring an extensive collection of original artwork. Offering four elaborate display rooms, Geary Gallery maintains an ambitious exhibition schedule to showcase both Connecticut-based artists with national reputations as well as well-known artists from along the Eastern seaboard. The public can enjoy a new show virtually every five weeks. The Gallery recently opened The Pre-Auction Wall, as an alternative to purchasing at an auction house, but who wish to acquire a previously-owned piece of art. In addition, they offer a Custom Original Portrait Service, which matches their favorite artists with customers wishing to commission an original portrait of their family, an individual, pet or home. With an extensive inventory of over 2,000 corner frames, Accent Picture Framing and Restoration is a service that is highly regarded for its master framing techniques as well as precision art restoration services for leading museums, auction houses, and historical societies. For more information about Geary Gallery, visit <http://www.gearygallery.com>.