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ART EVENT LISTING:

The Geary Gallery of Darien invites you to Barbara Lussier's "*The Splendor of Winter*"
Come enjoy naturalist land and seascape artist Barbara Lussier's stunning paintings this February at the Geary Gallery of Darien.
February 1st – February 29th, 2012. Wednesdays - Saturdays, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm.
576 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT 06820. (203) 655-6633
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**THE GEARY GALLERY IN DARIEN PRESENTS:
BARBARA LUSSIER'S "THE SPLENDOR OF WINTER"
FEATURING HER NOTED LAND AND SEASCAPES**

January 17, 2012, Darien, CT... The Geary Gallery of Darien (www.gearygallery.com) is proud to present the breath-taking exhibit for February: Barbara Lussier's "The Splendor of Winter" featuring the land and seascapes of one of New England's most noted painters. Perfect to shed the doldrums of winter and envision the exciting colors of spring, Ms. Lussier is known for bringing sunlight and color to her canvases. This warm and inviting exhibit opens at the gallery February 1st and runs until February 29th, 2012.

Barbara Lussier explores the romance of light and color with her paintings, which are often described as "poetry." Her imagery of farmland, mountains, rocky shores and sandy beaches evoke the wonderful, bright, hopeful time of Spring in New England, and she is inspired by the mysteries and wonder of the sea, as well as the majesty and aesthetics of the wildflowers and trees of the area.

Barbara is a philosophically direct descendant of the Old Lyme and the American Hudson River School painters, and approaches her subject in a way that embraces these traditions- honoring nature and working from direct observation. The daughter of a consummate fisherman and boater, Barbara fell in love with the sea while roaming the coastline of Nahant, Massachusetts as a child. She followed her father to the warmer waters of Florida, where he fished and boated and she painted boating subjects while attending the Ringling School of Art. Later, she explored the south Pacific coastline, where she was sometimes dropped by helicopter on uninhabited islands to paint pink rocks and turquoise waters. At the hand of her mother, she learned the wildflowers and trees of New England, feeding her fervor for their majesty and aesthetics. Currently, she lives in New England and supplies galleries with imagery of farmland, mountains, rocky shores and sandy beaches. A collector recently traded his boat for her painting so that she might further explore the creeks, rivers and coastline that are her favorite painting subjects.

Barbara Lussier holds a B.F.A. degree from the University of Hartford. She has also studied at Ringling School of Art, Hartford College for Women, and the Lyme Academy. Her work has been exhibited throughout New England and internationally. She is represented in a number of corporate and private collections and has won numerous awards, including the Painting Award from the Connecticut Academy of Fine Art, the Award For Excellence in Painting from the Rockport Art Association 2006, 2007 and the Painting Award from the Academic Artist Association 2007.

Barbara has taught plein air painting privately and through various educational institutions, including the

Lyme Art Association, where she is an elected member and serves as President on the Board of Directors. She is a signature member of New England Plein Air Painters, is elected to the Rockport Art Association, where she served on the 2006-07 membership jury, and is a member of the Academic Artists Association and Oil Painters of America. She also was included in the Ct. Academy of Fine Arts 2005 exhibition, her work was chosen for the State Capitol Building and she was in the Region 2 American Society of Marine Artists juried show at the Art League of Long Island. She has served as Curator for The New England Landscape Invitational Show at the Lyme Art Association for several years. Her work is published in the Great Day Trips to Connecticut's Critical Habitats. She also owned and operated a commercial art gallery that sold contemporary and historical paintings.

To read more about Barbara Lussier, visit her [biography](#) on the Geary Gallery site, and view her [online gallery](#).

Connecticut art lovers are invited to an enjoyable visit to Geary Gallery to experience a much-needed breath of spring with a dose of sunshine and color. Admission to the public is free and artwork is available for acquisition. The Geary Gallery is open to the public Wednesdays – Saturdays, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm. It is located at 576 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT 06820. For more information, contact (203) 655-6633 or visit www.gearygallery.com.

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About Geary Gallery:

Since its founding in 1984, Geary Gallery has become one of Fairfield County's preeminent art galleries, featuring an extensive collection of original artwork from more than 200 artists. Offering four elaborate display rooms, Geary Gallery maintains an ambitious exhibition schedule to showcase both Connecticut-based artists as well as artists from around the country.

The public can enjoy a new show virtually every five weeks (except during the summer months). In addition to the Gallery, located on premises are Accent Picture Framing and Restoration with an extensive selection of more than 2,000 corner samples for any type of artwork. Its precision restoration service has restored oil paintings and frames that hang in many museums, galleries and historical societies.

Geary Gallery is owned and operated by Anne and Tom Geary, who have spent more than 27 years as friends to artists, spotting talent and market appeal and nurturing careers.

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