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ART EVENT LISTING:

The Geary Gallery of Darien invites you to
"A Painter's Love of the Sea & Shore"

Enjoy the seascapes and shoreline paintings of sailor and artist, Jill Nichols of Shelton, CT.
June 1st – 30th, 2011. Wednesdays - Saturdays, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. No admission fee.
576 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT 06820. (203) 655-6633
www.gearygallery.com

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**THE GEARY GALLERY IN DARIEN PRESENTS:
"A PAINTER'S LOVE OF THE SEA & SHORE"
FEATURING THE SEASCAPES AND SHORELINE PAINTINGS OF
LOCAL SHELTON, CT ARTIST, JILL NICHOLS**

May 18, 2011, Darien, CT... The Geary Gallery of Darien (www.gearygallery.com) is proud to present Shelton resident, Jill Harrison Nichol's idealistic paintings of the sea and shore. Struck with the love of sailing at the age of five, her avid love of the sea and sailing have been the driving motivation of her artwork all of her life. Visitors to the gallery in June will be treated to the majesty of the New England coast and the memories of time that are captured in her paintings. The exhibit runs through June, admission is free, and the artwork is available for acquisition.



On her 16th birthday, on a cold February day along the coast of Cape Cod, Ms. Nichols was compelled to paint a shore scene from the front seat of the family wagon. What followed was a lifelong love of painting the sea and shore. However it wasn't until the year 2000, after many years of working in commercial art and raising three sons, Jill began painting in earnest. Her fine art training includes the Art Student League in New York City, Silvermine Guild, Old Lyme Academy and Gallery 53 in Connecticut. She has been privileged to study under many noted artists that have helped form a firm foundation for her paintings.

In describing her artwork, Ms. Nichols said, "My painting is poetry; a lyrical composition of color and light. When I am painting I am in the moment, thoroughly present and enraptured. I experience a sense of peace, as well as an urgency to capture and share the moment. It is a privilege to paint, to completely take in a scene and share it with the viewer."

Ms. Nichol's paintings have been in many private collections and juried shows, including the 2010 American Society of Marine Artists (ASMA) North Regional Show, "Between the Shining Seas." Recently she completed ten murals for an 18-hole indoor mini-golf attraction, "The Pirates of Fortune and Perils of the Deep," in Black Rock Connecticut.

This June, as beach and sailing season are gearing up on Long Island Sound, visitors are welcome to enjoy "A Painter's Love of the Sea & Shore" at Geary Gallery for an invigorating display of the beauty of our coast. Admission is free and the exhibit runs from June 1st through June 30th. 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 and limited edition prints from more than 50 artists. 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 (except during the summer months). In addition to the Gallery, located on premises are Accent Picture Framing and Restoration with an extensive selection of over 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 & Tom Geary, who have spent more than twenty-five years as friends to artists, spotting talent and market appeal, and nurturing careers. Geary Gallery is located at 576 Boston Post Road in Darien. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm. For more information, call (203) 655-6633 or visit www.gearygallery.com.