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ART EVENT LISTING:

The Geary Gallery of Darien invites you to
“Women’s Work: Paintings of New England”
Come enjoy two spectacular naturalist painters, Claudia Waters known for her stunning coastal sea birds, and Kate Hoekstra, noted for her still-life florals and portraits.
May 4th – May 28th, 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:
“WOMEN’S WORK: PAINTINGS OF NEW ENGLAND”
FEATURING THE CONTEMPORARY REPRESENTATIONAL PAINTINGS OF
CLAUDIA WATERS AND KATE HOEKSTRA**

April 18, 2011, Darien, CT... The Geary Gallery of Darien (www.gearygallery.com) is proud to present the contemporary representational paintings of two women artists, Claudia Waters and Kate Hoekstra. Both known for their spectacular works highlighting local nature, Claudia Waters’ paintings of seascapes and sea birds and Kate Hoekstra’s celebration of Connecticut flowers and landscapes will provide visitors to the gallery with insights into the joy of living in the region, perfect for the coming of the warm weather. The exhibit runs through May, admission is free, and the artwork is available for acquisition.



Connecticut Beach
Flowers, Kate Hoekstra

Kate Hoekstra studied art at Hunter College, NY, but her real journey with painting began when she later studied drawing with the legendary Stephen Rogers Peck. From that point on she admits, she’s been a captive of representational art.

“Portraying recognizable objects in a fresh, painterly way is the challenge in contemporary representational painting...Going beyond the simply shocking, or clever, or even technically skillful, to produce a work which connects the viewer with his own recognizable and felt world in an honest way—is what I am after.” she explained.

Claudia Waters earned a BFA from Parsons School of Design and studied painting at the Art Students League and the Yard School of Art. She grew up in an artistic family: her mother, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather all were painters.

The theme of the beaches of New England and their inhabitants is reminiscent of her childhood, where long, lazy summers were spent soaking up the sun, surf, and sand in the company of friends and family, seagulls and sand crabs. Her oil paintings capture specific moments of contemplation, discovery, freedom, and joy at the seashore: unobserved moments preserved.



The Glossy Ibis,
Claudia Waters

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Connecticut art lovers are welcome to enjoy a visit to Geary Gallery this May for a glimpse of our regional beauty. Admission is free and the exhibit runs from May 4th through May 28th. 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.