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ART EVENT LISTING:

This May, the Geary Gallery of Darien proudly presents "My Life's Passion: The Paintings of Mireille Duchesne" featuring the dazzling work of Golden's Bridge, NY resident, Mireille Duchesne. The exhibit runs from May 1- May 31. Open Wednesdays - Saturdays, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. 576 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT 06820. (203) 655-6633. www.gearygallery.com

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**THE GEARY GALLERY IN DARIEN PRESENTS:
"MY LIFE'S PASSION: THE PAINTINGS OF MIREILLE DUCHESNE"**

April 2012, Darien, CT... The Geary Gallery of Darien (www.gearygallery.com) proudly presents "My Life's Passion: The Paintings of Mireille Duchesne," May 1 through May 31 at the Geary Gallery, 576 Boston Post Road in Darien.



Born in Normandy, France and a resident of Goldens Bridge, NY, Mireille Duchesne fell in love with the Impressionistic art of Claude Monet and others. "Painting is my passion, my life," Duchesne says. "I am talking with my heart in my paintings."

Duchesne received a formal education at the Lycee of Le Havre and a Masters Degree in French from the University of Rouen, but it was at The Académie des Beaux-Arts (Academy of Fine Arts) where she took advanced classes in drawing and painting

and found her artistic voice. Upon moving to the U.S., Duchesne studied portraiture with Daniel Greene, classical painting with Richard Pionk and Gregg Kreutz at the Art Students League of New York, as well as with Frank Arcuri at his studio. At the Pastel Society of America, she studied portraiture under Richard Pionk.

Duchesne spent 20 years painting on silk, achieving great success creating wearables and paintings that are featured in private collections throughout the U.S. and Europe. However, after developing arthritis, she returned to a medium less demanding on her hands. Today, Duchesne focuses on painting classic oils and pastels in a style inspired by the 18th century French painter, Jean Chardin.



Duchesne is a Signature member of the Pastel Society of America, an artist member of Salmagundi Club, and an active member of Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, Mamaroneck Artists Guild and the Kent Art Center. Her work has been shown throughout New York and Connecticut and she has received numerous awards for her pastels and oils from the Pastel Society of America, Salmagundi Club, The Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club and the American Artists Professional League. She is currently teaching at the Katonah Art Center in Katonah, NY.

To read more about Mireille Duchesne, visit her biography on the Geary Gallery site:

<http://www.gearygallery.com/gallery/?catalog=artist&function=detail&id=69>

And view her paintings on her online gallery:

http://www.gearygallery.com/gallery/?function=list&artist_id=69

The exhibit runs through the end of May. 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>.