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ART EVENT LISTING:

NEW ENGLAND REALISM OF NEIL MCAULIFFE PLUS DECOY CARVINGS OF KEVIN KERRIGAN

The Geary Gallery of Fairfield County, CT is proud to feature the breathtaking New England scenes of Neil McAuliffe plus the decoy carvings of Kevin Kerrigan. The exhibit runs from September 1 – September 30, 2011. Admission is free, paintings are available for acquisition. Geary Gallery is located at 576 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT 06820. Open Wednesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (203) 655-6633; www.gearygallery.com.

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**SEPTEMBER AT GEARY GALLERY:
NEW ENGLAND REALISM OF NEIL MCAULIFFE
PLUS THE DECOY CARVINGS OF KEVIN KERRIGAN**

August 17, 2011, Darien, CT – Through September, Geary Gallery of Darien, CT (www.gearygallery.com) is pleased to show the breathtaking New England scenes of Neil McAuliffe, as well as the classic precision decoy art of Kevin Kerrigan.

Neil McAuliffe, New England Realist

Originally from Cape Cod, McAuliffe is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art. Since graduation, he has worked steadily as an artist. In 1991 at the age of 28, McAuliffe was commissioned to paint a series of aerial scenes of the villages of Hyannisport and Osterville, Ma., Harvard University, Augusta National Golf Club and Pebble Beach Golf Links.



The Beach, Darien

McAuliffe's paintings capture the beauty of daily life on Cape Cod. His subjects are common landmarks and favorite scenes he discovered while exploring back roads. Sometimes he will revisit a location and capture it at different times of the day or a different season.

McAuliffe also finds inspiration in the Caribbean, where he has

Painted the endless beauty of Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Bermuda and Key West. His commissioned work there include Sandals Resorts, Jablum Blue Mountain Coffee Co. and Caribbean Utilities Inc.

McAuliffe is working exclusively in oils. On his style, McAuliffe explains, "I'm a self-taught painter working in the realistic style, but my intent is not photorealism. Detail in painting is important but the final product should look like a painting. I've drawn and painted all my life and look forward to a lifetime of creating art for people to enjoy." View images of Neil McAuliffe's paintings at Geary Gallery's [online gallery](#).

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Kevin Kerrigan, Decoy Carver



Buffalo Head

For more than 35 years, Kevin J. Kerrigan is nationally renowned for his specialty in the art of hand-carving and painting precise reproductions of antique waterfowl decoys.

Kerrigan creates precise replicas of the much-sought-after works of the last generation of master decoy carvers, including Elmer Crowell, Shang Wheeler, Lem Dudley, Ward Brothers and Joe Lincoln.

Kerrigan came under the tutelage of the late Ralph Morrell, distinguished Zoologist Emeritus at the Peabody Museum in New Haven. Morrell, a long-time friend of master decoy carver Shang Wheeler, inspired Kerrigan's interest in decoy carving and helped develop his unfaltering sense of accuracy and aestheticism.

Kerrigan and Morrell subsequently collaborated on many projects that included detail paintings for the Peabody Museum, the Museum of Natural History and The Smithsonian Institute. An avid sportsman and naturalist, Kerrigan's carvings have graced the covers of Orvis catalogs.

To view Kerrigan's carvings, please visit his [online gallery](#).

The McAuliffe and Kerrigan exhibits at Geary Gallery in Darien runs through September. Admission is free and both McAuliffe's and Kerrigan's works are available for acquisition.

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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 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 25 years as friends to artists, spotting talent and market appeal and nurturing careers.

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