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**ART EVENT LISTING:**

Through May, the Geary Gallery of Darien proudly presents "Richness in Realism," an appreciation of the lush landscapes and elegant still lifes of Pennsylvania fine artist, Jim Rodgers. The Geary Gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 576 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT 06820. (203) 655-6633. [www.gearygallery.com](http://www.gearygallery.com)

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**THE GEARY GALLERY IN DARIEN PRESENTS:  
JIM RODGERS, "RICHNESS IN REALISM"**

**April 18, 2013, Darien, CT...** Through May, the Geary Gallery of Darien is proud to present "Richness in Realism," an appreciation of the lush landscapes and elegant still lifes of Pennsylvania fine artist, Jim Rodgers. The exhibit runs May 1-31 at the Geary Gallery located at 576 Boston Post Road in Darien.

**Featured Artist, May: Jim Rodgers**



*Born in New Jersey and now a resident of Pennsylvania, Jim Rodgers studied at the Art Students League in New York City, as well as the Ridgewood Art Institute, where he studied landscape painting.*

*Rodgers paints a wide range of subjects and subject matter, from lush American and European landscapes to intimate genre paintings, as well as elegant and sophisticated still life and floral renderings. His paintings reflect richness in tone and color in his style that comes from more than 30*

*years of professional study and numerous sojourns throughout America and Europe.*

*His traditional and American impressionistic training has been augmented by his wanderlust traveling across the U.S. as a working artist, as well as his many trips abroad, including destinations such as England, Ireland, France and Italy. These journeys helped to produce the subject matter and inspiration that is the basis of his painterly impressionistic style.*

*Rodgers' paintings focus on the essential details emerging from a cohesive mass augmented with poetic highlights evolving into a hybrid fashioned from painterly and impressionistic inspirations in a contemporary sense. His intention is to capture the mood of the scenes he has painted "en plein air" and rendered in his studio to give the viewer a glimpse of what he has experienced. He tries to evoke an emotional response from the viewer through his poetic portrayal of nature and his concept of a tranche de vie (slice of life) vision.*

*He has become quite popular with collectors both corporate and private, including jazz recording artist Michael Franks, Joseph M. Goryeb, President and COO at Champion Mortgage, CNBC spokesman and Wall Street investor, Peter Kenny, NHL hockey star Pat LaFontaine,*

Richard T. Merriman, President and CEO of Pennsylvania Trust, John W. Schmidlin, Chairman of JP Morgan, Pfizer Corporation and Rockefeller Trust.

Rodgers has been affiliated with the Salmagundi Club in New York City and the Delaware Art Museum, and has received numerous awards, including Best in Show-CCA National Show at Ridgewood Art Society, Abigail & Willys Silvers Award-Bianco Gallery Show, and Best in Show-R.S. Galleries Juried Exhibition, Las Vegas.

He is prolific by nature, and has had more than 26 one-man shows, with several recent shows nearly selling out. Rodgers currently resides in the bucolic countryside of Lancaster County in Pennsylvania.



To view Jim Rodgers' work, visit our online gallery:  
[http://www.gearygallery.com/gallery/?function=list&artist\\_id=117](http://www.gearygallery.com/gallery/?function=list&artist_id=117)

The Jim Rodgers exhibit runs from May 1-31, and his paintings are available for acquisition. All are welcome, and admission is free. Geary Gallery is open to the public Wednesdays–Saturdays, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, and is located at 576 Boston Post Road in Darien, CT, 06820. For more information, contact (203) 655-6633 or visit [www.gearygallery.com](http://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 also offers 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, call (203) 655-6633 or visit <http://www.gearygallery.com>.*