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ART EVENT LISTING:

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**THE GEARY GALLERY IN DARIEN PRESENTS:
*KARL SODERLUND, "BY LAND AND BY SEA" AND
"ESSENCE OF A PAINTING," THE WORK OF THE LATE MICHAEL LOWENBEIN***

Dec. 17, 2012, Darien, CT... Through January, the Geary Gallery of Darien proudly presents *"By Land and By Sea,"* featuring the stunning landscapes, seascapes and portraits of Fairfield painter, Karl Soderlund. Also featured this month, *"Essence of a Painting,"* the work of the late New York artist, Michael Lowenbein (1935-2009). The two exhibits run concurrently January 1-31 at the gallery located at 576 Boston Post Road in Darien.

**Featured Artist, January:
Karl Soderlund**

Fairfield, Connecticut resident Karl Soderlund has been a fine artist his entire life, and is well known for his portraits, seascapes and landscapes.

Even as a child, he had an innate sense of color and composition. Soderlund began painting at an early age, inspired by everyday images that made growing up in New York and Connecticut memorable to him. Later, he put aside his paintbrush to attend Denison University, where he majored in Economics. Soon after being transferred to New York, he left the corporate world to focus solely on his true calling.



Today, Karl has gained both the experience and respect of the art community. He furthered his education at the Art Students League in New York City, Yale University and the Silvermine Guild in Connecticut. He has also studied with renowned realist painter, Daniel E. Greene, and he teaches at the Rowayton Arts Center in Norwalk CT

Soderlund's numerous accomplishments are evident. His work is hanging in more than 250 public and private collections, including Interpublic Companies, Merrill Lynch, PepsiCo and the Heisman Trophy portrait collection. His paintings have been shown in the finest galleries, as well as featured on television, in magazines and newspapers. In 2002, Soderlund led the introduction of the Heisman Trophy Awards on national television by painting that year's winner. And in 2010, he had his first Solo exhibit at

the National Arts Club in NYC featuring his series "Iconic Obsessions". Karl also teaches at the Rowayton Arts Center.

To view Karl Soderlund's work, visit our online gallery:

http://www.gearygallery.com/gallery/?function=list&artist_id=75

Featured Artist, January:

Michael Lowenbein (1935-2009)



Michael Lowenbein (1935-2009) was born in New York and learned to paint at the age of 10 by copying the work of Old Masters. After graduating from the High School of Music and Art in Manhattan, he went on to Pratt Institute, earning a BA in Fine Arts. The army sent Michael to Paris where he ran the command photo lab. While there, the people and scenes of Paris became subject matter for his paintings.

Through most of his life, Lowenbein combined his painting with a career in commercial art. His work as an illustrator appeared on the covers of *Reader's*

Digest and other magazines. He spent four years studying portrait painting with artist Clifford Jackson.

Later in life, he concentrated on his painting, accepting commissions and exhibiting in galleries and shows. Working primarily with oils, his favorite subjects were people, adults and children, and their pets. However, he was also adept in capturing the mood and character of the sea and land with his splendid sea and landscapes. He captured mood and character, no matter his subject.

Lowenbein's son, Adam—also an artist—said of his father, "Michael painted the people, places and things he lived. He painted only what he believed was essential in a picture."

To view Michael Lowenbein's work, visit our online gallery:

http://www.gearygallery.com/gallery/?function=list&artist_id=11

The Karl Soderlund and Michael Lowenbein exhibits run concurrently from January 1–31, and 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.

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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>.