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NEWS from the CWC

Thomas Stratton paintings on view at CWC office

MARGARETVILLE, October 2, 2012 – An exhibition of watercolors, acrylics and oils by artist Thomas Stratton is now on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), 905 Main Street, Margaretville.

The work will be displayed through the end of December and can be seen week days (except holidays) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tom Stratton is a contemporary realist whose paintings convey the simple beauty found in everyday subjects. He portrays serene landscapes and common occurrences while deliberately avoiding the artifacts of modern life. Primarily known as a watercolorist, Stratton also works in oils, acrylics and other media.

The compelling use of light and shadow to create mood, and his remarkably detailed photo-realistic style have made Stratton's work highly sought by collectors throughout the US and Canada. His paintings have been exhibited at galleries and museums from Martha's Vineyard to Montreal, Cape Hatteras to Cornwall.

Tom was born in 1945 in Tarrytown. His creative parents gave him a box of watercolors and a book of prints by famous watercolorists when he was five, and supported his natural talents as he grew.

He studied at SUNY New Paltz where he earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in art education in 1970. He taught art for the next 11 years, before starting a small subsistence farm in Krumville, which provided him with abundant subject matter and left a lasting influence on his work with its prominent themes of rural simplicity and work at daily chores.

Images of his work have appeared in *Conservationist* magazine, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Cape Cod Life* magazine, and television's "P.M. Magazine."

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the five-county New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

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