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NEWS from the CWC

CWC hosts new art exhibit

MARGARETVILLE, May 10, 2013 – The artwork of Carol Hansen, who divides her time between Delaware County and Long Island, is on view through the summer at the Catskill Watershed Corporation, 905 Main Street, Margaretville.

Visitors are welcome weekdays, except holidays, between 8 and 4:30. Originals or giclee prints can be purchased, with half the proceeds going to Prattsville’s continuing recovery from the devastating effects of Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

The show features 11 paintings and drawings created over the past four decades. The imagery -- a church, a barn, a stone wall in the rain -- will be familiar to Catskill dwellers, as will the artist’s thoughts about capturing the region’s mystique:

“I fell in love with Delaware County the first time I saw it, in 1976. As an artist, my natural inclination was to try to capture its magnificence in paintings and drawings. Four decades later, I am still trying, but despite my best efforts, its divine essence refuses to be contained in two dimensions.”

Hansen earned a degree in fine art from Nassau Community College. Her work has been exhibited throughout Long Island and New York City, where it sold at Greenwich Village street fairs for many years. In 2008, she illustrated a children’s book, “The Tales of Ethan McVay.”

The artist is currently director of donor communications for the Dominican Sisters of Amityville.

Of special interest in the CWC exhibit is a nostalgic view from the window of Room 17 of Stamford’s historic Delaware Inn. Two pencil sketches show the artist’s progression to the final oil painting. The Inn was recently revitalized by the CWC and is for sale as a commercial property.

Other paintings depict the Rexmere Hotel, also in Stamford, overlooking a lawn full of happy long-ago revelers, and the Blenheim Bridge, lost to the flood of 2011. A large painting is a view of “Yonder,” Hansen’s family home in Harpersfield.

“Nature and change have tested this place for centuries,” Hansen says. “Time and again, the glory of the Catskills has overcome transient conditions to revive and renew itself.”

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