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The Sumi-e Society of America to Exhibit at ArtCenter Manatee

BRADENTON, Fla. October 15, 2018 – On October 30th, ArtCenter Manatee welcomes the Sumi-e Society of America to their galleries.

SUMI-E is the Japanese word for Black Ink Painting. East Asian Painting and writing developed together in ancient China using the same materials —brush and ink on paper. Emphasis is placed on the beauty of each individual stroke of the brush. The Chinese speak of “writing a painting” and “painting a poem.” A great painting was judged on three elements: the calligraphy strokes, the words of the poetry (often with double meanings and subtle puns) and the ability of the painting strokes to capture the spirit (Ch’i) of nature rather than a photographic likeness. The artists of Japan, Korea and Malaysia learned from the Chinese and then developed their own versions of East Asian brush painting.

The Society was created in New York in 1963 by Professor Motoi Oi to foster and encourage an appreciation of East Asian brush painting. Until 1978, its annual exhibitions were held in New York City. When asked why he had started the Sumi-e Society, Mr. Oi answered, in part, "In the East, paintings reflect the great joy of culture. They are a reflection of an intense personal idiom. My idea was to provide a means through which the fresh, new spirit of American culture could be viewed in Sumi-e."

Over the years, the Society has grown and there are many chapters in the United States. The Sarasota Chapter is sponsoring this 55th Annual Juried Exhibit, along with the National Chapter. The exhibit includes 112 paintings by artists from 18 states and Germany. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The reception will be Friday, Nov 2, 4-6pm.

The juror for the exhibit will be Professor Yifei Gan. Professor Gan is an internationally recognized artist and curator whose drawings, paintings, digital media and traditional Chinese brush paintings have been exhibited in solo and invitational exhibitions throughout the US, Europe, and China. Professor Gan will also be conducting workshops at the ArtCenter. While the first workshop is full, there are a few seats remaining in the one on November 5-6, Monday & Tuesday, 9-4. Call the ArtCenter to reserve your seat: 941.746.2862

The exhibit is sponsored by **The Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.**

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About ArtCenter Manatee

Located at the intersection of arts and culture in downtown Bradenton, Florida, ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for art, art education and unique gifts in Manatee County. The nearly 10,000 sq. ft. building features three galleries, five classrooms, an Artists' Market gift shop and an art library featuring over 3,000 art volumes. Day, evening and weekend art classes for adults and children are offered year round in painting, drawing, pastels, pottery, jewelry design, photography and more.

Exhibitions in the galleries change monthly and showcase local, regional and national artists. Meet the exhibiting artists at the monthly evening opening receptions.

209 9th St W, Bradenton, Fl

H: M-F-S 9:00-5:00, T-W-Th 9:00-6:00, closed Sunday.

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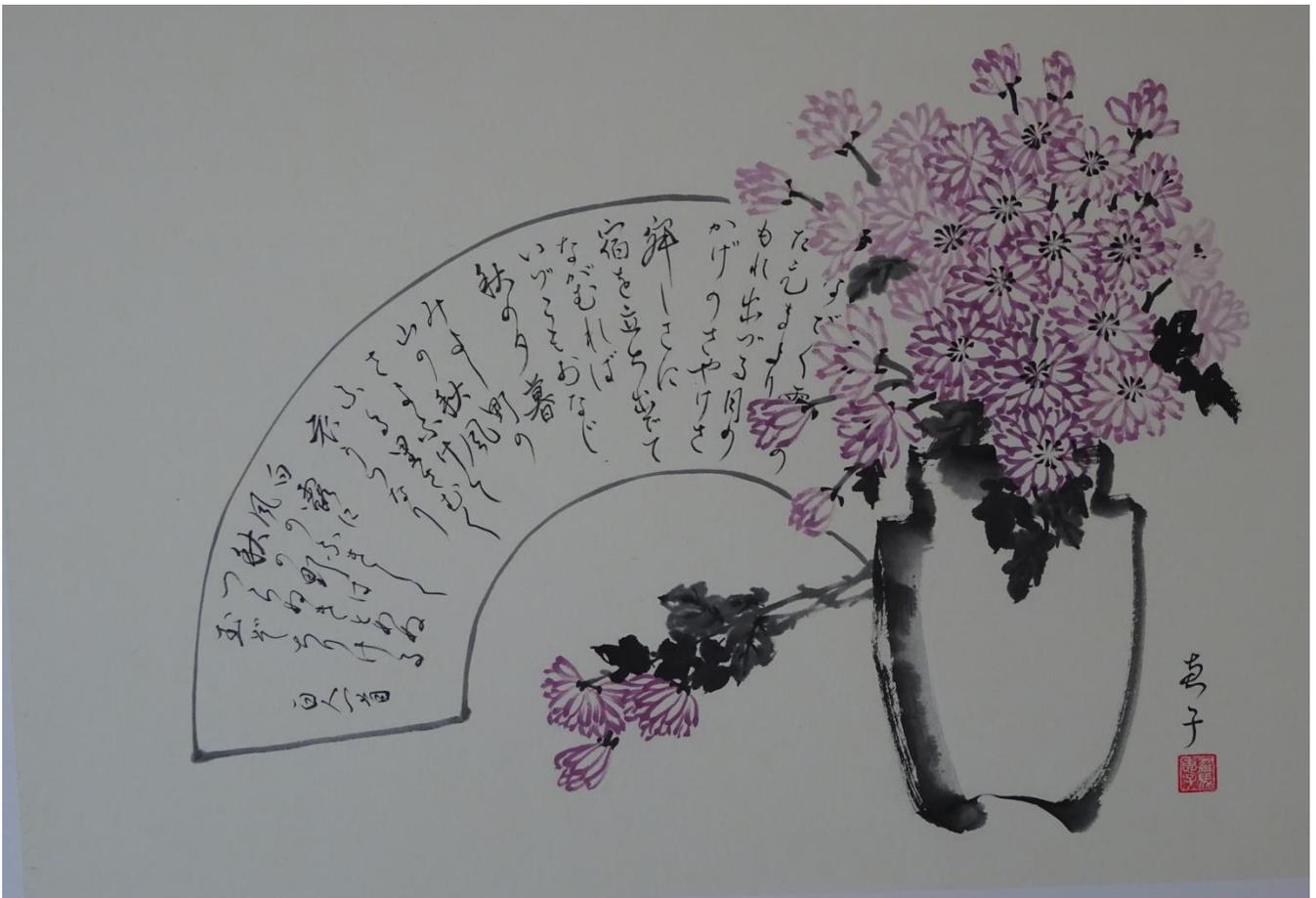
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