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149th Traveling Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society to Visit Bradenton

Along with the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society's Annual Aqueous Show

BRADENTON, Fla. January 9, 2017 – **World-class Talent Will Be On Display At ArtCenter Manatee January 24 to February 24.** ArtCenter Manatee is honored to host the pre-eminent 149th Traveling Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society International Exhibition. Chosen from a field of 147 water media masterpieces selected into the International Exhibition, the traveling show features the work of 40 artists. Jury of Awards Chair for this exhibition was Dean Mitchell of Tampa. This year's show is sure to inspire artists and art lovers.

As one of only six venues in the country and the only in Florida to host this show, ArtCenter Manatee will display the amazingly diverse water media work in the Kellogg Gallery from January 24 through February 24, 2017. Admission is $5, which assists in covering the cost of bringing such a prestigious exhibition to the ArtCenter and Bradenton. The Opening Reception is on Thursday, January 26 from 5-7pm and is free.

Accompanying the exhibit will be the annual aqueous show by the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society (FSWS) in the Reid Hodges and Searle Galleries. FSWS was formed in 1983 to foster the advancement of and promote excellence in the art of watercolor painting. They seek to inform and educate through exhibitions, lectures and painting demonstrations as to the best work currently being done in watercolor.

We hope you'll join us for our Opening Reception Thursday, January 26, 5pm to 7pm. Meet the artists, discover the amazing talent of these local as well as international water media artists, and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere in our galleries. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages available.

Attached images:
Enchanted with Venice by Hsiao-Hui Huang, AWS
Amsterdam by John Salminen, AWS
Urban Playground by Ken Call, AWS
Surfer by Gary Morgan, FSWS
Keeper's House by Lydia Kaeyer, FSWS

About ArtCenter Manatee
Located 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 in downtown Bradenton 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.

The Artists' Market features unique, affordable gifts by local and national artists. Exhibitions in the galleries change monthly and showcase local, regional and national artists. Meet the exhibiting artists at the monthly evening opening receptions.

For more information please visit http://www.artcentermanatee.org or call 941-746-2862

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