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Annual Fine Art Sale at Main Line Art Center April 23-May 15. Preview Party: Fri., April 23, 6:30-9:00 pm

HAVERFORD, PA (March 23, 2010)— Whether you lust for a landscape, pine for the perfect portrait, or have an eye toward the abstract, Main Line Art Center’s annual Fine Art Sale, running April 23 – May 15, is your answer. Voted “Best Art Gallery” by the readers of *Main Line Suburban Life* and *Main Line Times*, the Art Center will once again fill its gallery from floor to ceiling with unique and affordably priced, professional artwork for the home or office. The Fine Art Sale is supported by Presenting Sponsor, MINI of the Main Line; Supporting Sponsor, The Bryn Mawr Trust Company, Wealth Management Division, and Participating Sponsors, Brandywine Realty Trust and Harmelin Media. As are all of the Art Center’s exhibitions, the Fine Art Sale is free and open to the public.

This year’s sale will feature over 200 pieces of art by more than 50 professional artists from this region. Under the guidance of Executive Director Judy Herman, the Fine Art Sale is juried by a committee which is dedicated to selecting high-quality work that appeals to a variety of styles and price-points. The result is a show that beautifully combines watercolor landscapes with eye-catching abstracts; functional raku-fired ceramic lamps with vibrant florals and everything in between.

The following local artists are selected for inclusion in the 2010 Fine Art Sale:

Patricia Auguste Hallowell, Cynthia Back, Deena S. Ball, Al Barker, Sharon Bartmann, Joyce H. Berger, Jeanne Kirby Bruneau, Michael Budden, Patricia F. Burns, Arcenio Martin Campos, Anne Marble Caramanico, Erin E. Castellan, Bettina Clowney, Valerie Craig, Teresa De Seve, Christine Drake Donahower, Elizabeth Dooney Finley, Eileen France, Frances Galante, Antonio Grimaldi, Bonnie Gross, Leigh Gustafson, Carol S. Herr, Tom Hlas, Melissa Husted-Sherman, Pamela Jean Iacone, Sarah Jayne, Philip F. Kaufman, Martha Knox, Marilyn E. Lavins, Sook Ki Lee, Victoria M. Le Vine, Dale Levy, Elaine Lisle, Felise Luchansky, Wendy McClatchy, Claudia McGill, Sandi Neiman Lovitz, Arthur B. Ostroff, Laurel Wood Ramsden, Marcia Reiver, Kara Rennert, Bob Richey, Ilene Silver, Ann Simon, Dori Spector, Stan Sperlak, Helena van Emmerik-Finn, Denny Webb, Laurel Wood Ramsden and Carol Woolford.

Each year, the Art Center celebrates the opening of the Fine Art Sale with a Benefit Preview Party. The 2010 Fine Art Sale’s Preview Party will be held on Friday, April 23 from 6:30-9:00

pm. The popular event, which features an open bar with a special cocktail, heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment, provides an exclusive first look at the stunning show and is the Art Center's major fundraiser of the year. The Preview Party attracts hundreds of Art Center patrons, community and business leaders, art collectors, and prominent individuals from across the greater Philadelphia region.

This year's Preview Party will honor Mary Anne Dutt Justice, Independent Curator and Art Historian, for her longtime efforts to build community-wide support for and knowledge of the visual arts. Mary Anne is past Main Line Art Center Board Member and also curated the Art Center's 2008 Main Line Collects Philadelphia exhibition, which featured post-1950 work by Philadelphia area artists lent from private art collectors from the Main Line. Main Line Art Center is proud to honor such a strong supporter of the local art scene!

Tickets for the Fine Art Sale Preview Party are now available. Early admission tickets (6 pm entry) are \$200 and are highly recommended. General admission tickets are \$100. Please contact Anisa Haidary at 610.525.0272 ext.13 to purchase tickets. A portion of your ticket prices is tax-deductible, as the Preview Party helps the Art Center raise critical unrestricted support for our award-winning arts education and community outreach programs.

Beginning April 24, the Fine Art Sale is free and open to the public. The gallery hours at Main Line Art Center are as follows: Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm; Friday and Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm; Sunday: Closed. A First Friday reception will be held on Friday, May 7 from 6-9 pm.

The mission of Main Line Art Center is to inspire and engage artistic creativity for all ages and abilities and to celebrate and strengthen the essential role of visual art in community life. In addition to its strong exhibitions, the Art Center offers instruction for adults and children in ceramics and sculpture, drawing and painting, jewelry and metalwork, photography, fiber arts and more and strives to offer programs that are affordable and accessible to everyone. The Art Center also offers summer and holiday camps for kids ages 4-13 and has a strong program for teens interested in building a portfolio for art school. In 2009, readers of *Main Line Suburban Life* and *Main Line Times* awarded Main Line Art Center Best of the Main Line Awards for Best Instruction, Gallery and Art Center.

Main Line Art Center is proud to be one of the leading visual arts organization in the region to make art accessible to diverse groups in our community through a series of outreach programs for underserved audiences including children, teens and adults with disabilities, at-risk children and low-income adults and families. Proceeds from the Fine Art Sale and the Preview Party help to keep these programs running strong.

Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, behind the Wilkie Lexus dealership just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. For more information about the Fine Art Sale or any of the Art Center's programming, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.