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September –October Gallery Exhibits Announced by Smyrna Library

Joy Patty, art educator, and Local Artists from SABA Featured

SMYRNA, GA (September 1, 2008) – The Friends of Smyrna Library has announced that the Smyrna Library Gallery Display Cases will feature an exhibit called: ***Smyrna Area Artist Showcase by SABA*** during the months of September and October. The adjacent Art Gallery will have the paintings and mixed media collages of art educator, Joy Patty. The exhibits are on display daily during regular library operating hours and are located on the second floor of the Smyrna Library at 100 Village Green Circle in the Smyrna Village.

The Smyrna Artists' Business Association (SABA) supports Smyrna's thriving local artist community and strengthens Smyrna's identity as an artist's city and a city of art. The organization provides a forum that enables artists to share ideas, socialize, receive exposure & recognition and obtain assistance with opening new markets and connecting with new collectors. The exhibit will include works by Robert Harrison (Metal Sculpture), BJ Hatcher (Wood Turning and Wood Sculpture), Thom Lilly (Glass Sculpture), David Paul Lord (Stone Sculpture), Cindy Pembroke (Pen and Ink), Allen

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Spetnagel (Illustration), Wanda Walston, (Pen, Ink and Watercolor) and Larry Wilson

(Photography)

Joy Patty's paintings and mixed media collages reflect inspiration from man-made environments and nature. Observation of movement and changing colors in sky and water is exhilarating, as is finding unusual compositions on urban sidewalks and walls.

Particularly drawn to experimentation with materials, Patty enjoys the spontaneity of paint combined with drawing materials while her collage process involves creating a palette of colorful papers to cut, tear, and arrange. Patty currently teaches young children at The Lovett School and coordinates exhibitions for the Lovett Gallery. She is an instructor for ACA Community Education, part of Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta.

The Smyrna Library Galleries, which are managed by the Friends of Smyrna Library, are showcases for the works of local artists, craftspeople and collectors who have something unique to share with the larger community. The Friends of Smyrna Library organization is continuously seeking thought-provoking and visually appealing exhibits to feature in the gallery.

“FOSL and the Smyrna Library are happy to support our local artist community through these exhibits” explained Dorothy Sibert, FOSL coordinator for the galleries . “If we develop highly valued exhibits that people make a point of visiting, that will further reinforce the value of our library to the community, which goes well beyond all things

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related to the printed word. This is really a diverse library and our galleries are an example of that.”

The Friends of Smyrna Library is a non-profit organization that has served the Smyrna Library since 1991. The organization develops and executes various adult programs and helps fund children programs to promote appreciation for the library and to grow its membership. The Friends of Smyrna Library is the sponsor of “Murder Goes South,” a southern mystery book festival that brings authors and readers throughout the region together for discussions, workshops and more. It is the highlight of the Friends yearly program schedule. To learn more about the Friends of Smyrna Library, visit friendsofsmyrnalibrary.org.

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