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PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

What: New exhibition opening – **“Patina and Petals: Beloved objects”** - An exhibition of the latest still life pieces from the collection of Sarasota artist, Susan J. Foster.

When: Preview Opening: (R.S.V.P.) Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Gallery Opening: Friday, February 4, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Show will remain on display from February 3 – February 28, 2011

Where: **M Gallery of Fine Art**, 11 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Susan Foster is an internationally known artist and teacher, currently living in beautiful Sarasota, Florida. Born in Warren Ohio, she has travelled extensively, repeatedly visiting major museums around the world. She studied at the University of Toronto and at Ontario College of Art and Design, and has studied with some of the most renowned artists of our time. She taught portrait painting at Ringling College of Art and Design for five years before leaving to teach at the Southern Atelier.

Working exclusively from life, she endeavors to capture both the visual qualities of her subject and its place in our most accessible emotional memories. Her pieces are contemplative and deliberate with classic subject matter painted in a contemporary setting.

She is currently represented by M Gallery of Fine Art in Charleston, South Carolina.

Artist Statement:

" The beauty and fragility of flowers is somehow made more apparent when painted with well-worn or much loved objects in a still life. The interplay of light and shadow, different textures, the sense of time passing that is inherent in flowers, is made evident on man-made items as a soft sheen from loving hands..." –Susan J. Foster

M Gallery of Fine Art, SE announced their 2011 Winter/Spring show schedule:

- **March – Hodges Soileau – March 3 – 31, 2011**

March 3, 2011 – Preview Opening for Sarasota landscape & figurative painter, Hodges Soileau. Please R.S.V.P.

March 4, 2011 – “First Fridays on Broad”

Opening Reception for solo exhibition of Hodges Soileau’s newest works. – all welcome.

• **April – Gene Costanza – April 1 – 30, 2011**

March 31, 2011 – Preview Opening for master landscape artist, Gene Costanza. Please R.S.V.P.

April 1, 2011 – “First Fridays on Broad”

Opening Reception for Gene Costanza’s solo exhibition of new works. – all welcome.

Gallery Statement:

The Gallery is located in the Historic French Quarter in the heart of Gallery Row on Broad Street, a half block west of the Landmark Customs House behind the Walled Battery which has defended Charleston for centuries. “Part of what drew us to Charleston was the enduring nature of its architectural integrity. There is an aesthetic to the community which resonates with us and the kind of historically significant works we carry. Although we represent living painters we are increasingly conscious of the important place our artists hold in the history of contemporary art. Our artists have furthered realism & beauty against all odds, foregoing lesser, more expedient methods of painting & sculpting. The value of their works will stand the test of time, much like the integrity of the grand old buildings of Charleston,” says gallery owner, Maggie Kruger.

M Gallery offers museum quality art work that is competence based and created by nationally recognized living painters including: Robert Liberace, Clayton J Beck, III, Tony Pro, Sadie Valeri and several others.

ATTACHED IMAGES:

“Summer’s End” 15” x 30” \$4,600.00

“Ranunculus and Rug” 16” x 12” \$3,000.00

“Quiet Reflection” 24” x 30” \$6,000.00

“Pink Roses” 16” x 20” \$4,400.00

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