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“DELIGHT”, A BOLD ART EXHIBIT BY TWO RESTON ARTISTS

RESTON, VA – “DELIGHT” is a vibrant art exhibit featuring bold and vivid paintings by two Reston artists, Jane Ross and Karen Danenberger. The artworks are on display in until March 1, 2009 at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery. All are invited to the artists’ reception on Sunday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gallery.

While each artist has a distinct style, both share a "delight" in using strong colors, rich textures and light to reveal shape. Through large abstract paintings, Jane Ross demonstrates the mystery and awe in simple elements found in nature such as thorn vines, flower heads and trees. In contrast, Karen Danenberger's paintings feature realistic and impressionistic views of Venice, Italy through her depiction of light and its reflection on water. Through her artwork, Ms. Danenberger recreates the feelings she experienced on her trip in 2007.

“We are ‘delighted’ to have our first exhibit together in such a beautiful venue as the Jo Ann Rose Gallery at RCC Lake Anne” said Jane Ross. RCC was also the starting place where the artists became friends in 2002 when Jane Ross took a class in oil and acrylic painting taught by Karen Danenberger.

Karen Danenberger’s love of Venice, Italy began in the late 1970s where she spent two summers for the New York University’s Summer Abroad Program. Venice inspired her interpretation of light reflections and highlighted the emotive qualities of color that became the central themes in her work. Karen has participated in group and solo exhibits throughout the United States and Europe. She has won numerous awards from exhibits sponsored by the League of Reston Artists.

Karen Danenberger’s career in arts education spans over 30 years. She taught art in the Massachusetts Public Schools system for 9 years, coordinated the *GRACE Art in the Schools* Program at Lake Anne Elementary School for two years, and taught arts education classes for the RCC for the last 8 years. Her most popular classes at the RCC were oil and acrylic and crayon batik taught to both adults and children.

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Similarly, Jane Ross has received numerous awards for her artwork, including "Best in Show" for her stained glass piece "Flora Latina" at the 2006 RCC Young at Art Show. Additionally, Ross' "Sublime Moments" solo exhibit in 2007 was applauded by *The Washington Post* and the local newspapers.

Jane Ross, a native of northern Florida, is a 20-year resident of Reston. Since 2006, she teaches art education classes including: oil and acrylic painting, oil pastel, mixed media, collage and batik, at the RCC. A former AT&T employee, Ms. Ross has also taught elementary schools in Ohio, Georgia, Florida and Cape Cod, Maine. She holds a Bachelors of Arts in Arts and Education from Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

The Jo Ann Rose Gallery is located in the Reston Community Center Lake Anne at 1609-A Washington Plaza in Reston, Virginia. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. The Gallery is not open to the public during rental functions and/or some programs. For further information, please call Gloria Morrow at 703-476-4500 X 3012.

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Photo 1: *Morning Clarity, Venice*, oil on canvas by Karen Danenberger

Photo 2: *Number 3 from the Briar Series*, acrylic on canvas by Jane Ross

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