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Sublime Moments: Paintings by Jane Ross

Nature is the inspiration for local artist Jane Ross. *Sublime Moments*, her exhibition at the RCC at Lake Anne which will take place from January 30 to March 4, features acrylics, stained glass and oil pastels of woodland scenes, animals both wild and tame, and abstracts that explore texture, color and light to evoke the mystery and awe of nature. Much of Jane's work is rooted in childhood memories of the Florida woods and wetlands.

Jane has been a Reston resident for the almost 20 years. She grew up in Northern Florida and has also lived in Georgia, California, Ohio and New Jersey. Jane studied art and education at Bowling Green State University in Ohio but put away her paints and brushes upon graduating to start a career in teaching elementary school. Later she moved to the corporate world and after taking advantage of an early retirement offer from AT&T, she found the time and opportunity to explore the artistic talents she had abandoned for a corporate career. This exhibit represents the most recent two years of that exploration.

RCC played a pivotal role in Jane's transformation from manager to artist. While taking painting classes offered by the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, Jane met artist and painting instructor Karen Danenberger who became her mentor. Karen encouraged Jane to exhibit in a variety of venues around Reston. Jane has also won awards for her artwork, most recently, "Best in Show" for her stained glass piece entitled *Flora Latina*, at the 2006 Young at Art show last May. In addition to Karen Danenberger, Jane also credits RCC art instructors Mike Cantwell, Arnold Lopes and stained glass expert, Hank Kuhlmann for guiding her to an exciting new means of expression. Jane also studied under Kurt Schwarz at the Loudoun Academy of Art.

Jane has recently joined the teaching staff of the RCC Art Department, teaching painting in a variety of mediums. She is a member of the League of Reston Artists. Her work can be found in private collections in the south and south western United States.

For more information on the exhibit, contact Gloria Morrow at 703- 476-4500 ext. 3000.

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