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Gallery celebrates 10 years with American landscape exhibit

Midtown Payson Galleries loans paintings by well known landscape artists

(Jan. 14--Palm Beach Gardens) The Gallery at Eisey Campus at Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach Gardens will celebrate its tenth anniversary with two major exhibits this year, the first being a collection of work by outstanding landscape artists. **"American Landscapes 1938-2004 from the Midtown Payson Galleries"** opens Feb. 1. **An opening reception is Feb. 1 from 5:30-8 p.m.** and a tenth anniversary celebration is Mar. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The exhibit runs until Mar. 31. Both receptions are free, and the public is invited.

"These paintings reflect the unique styles of a group of highly collectible artists from the twentieth century," said Adrian Wilcox, gallery director. "This is a very exciting exhibition by artists the public will recognize."

The exhibit will include work by one of the pre-eminent realist painters of the 20th century, **Laurence Sisson**. Sisson's fluid, articulate landscapes also feature implicit abstract patterns that add to the cohesiveness of the whole.

The trademark watercolor and resist technique of one of Maine's most distinguished artists, **William Thon**, will be on display. Rare landscapes by **Walt Kuhn**, who is best known for his portraits of circus and vaudeville performers, are a part of the gallery exhibit. The collection also will include work by **Henry Varnum Poor**, who painted murals in fresco for the Departments of Justice and Interior buildings in Washington D.C., and the work of marine and wildlife painter **Mary Louise O'Sullivan**.

Other painters represented are Jason Schoener, Stephen Etnier, Pamela Griesinger, Cynthia Knott, Jon Legere, Charles Coiner, Robert Eric Moore, Carroll Thayer Berry, A. Lassell Ripley, Reynolds Thomas, Charles Locke, Arthur Beaumont, Kenneth Hayes Miller, David Driskell, Hans Moller and John Muench.

A 1945 oil painting by Walt Kuhn, "Oak," (30 x 40) can be accessed at <http://www.pbcc.edu/crm/releasepics/kuhnoak1945.jpg>

The closing exhibition for the gallery's tenth anniversary will feature **Hungarian contemporary art from the collection of Ambassador Nancy Brinker** from May 16-June 30. PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens is located at 3160 PGA Blvd. The gallery, in the BB Building, Room 113, is open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays until 8 p.m. To find out more, call Adrian Wilcox at 561-207-5015.

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