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Plein Air Takes Center Stage At St. Charles Spring ArtWalk

Artists Will Demonstrate How They Paint Light

Saint Louis, MO – April 27, 2006 – Three artists who are participating in the Augusta Plein Air Art Event will demonstrate their craft on Sunday, April 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Foundry Art Centre, 520 North Main Center, as part of the St. Charles Spring ArtWalk. *En plein air* is a term in the art world that means the artist is painting on location. This style of painting challenges the artist to capture fleeting moments of light and color.

In addition to this demonstration, Foundry artist Billyo O'Donnell will be holding a plein air workshop April 27-29, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. around the ArtWalk venues outside – weather permitting. Visitors will get the opportunity to watch how artists create their work.



The three painters featured on Sunday are: Crystal Dietiker Goldkamp, Ken Martin, and Joan Parker. Goldkamp is a watercolor painter who lives in Defiance, Missouri. She has participated in previous art events such as "Paint Your County Parks" held in St. Charles County and previous Augusta Plein Air Art Events.

Martin, a retired art professor from SIU-Carbondale, now resides in St. Peters, Missouri and uses acrylic paints to create his work. He has painted numerous magazine covers for *Outdoor Illinois Magazine* as well as several murals including a depiction of a turn-of-the-century coal mine for Zeigler Coal corporate offices in Chicago. Martin was most recently commissioned by the Greater Augusta Chamber of Commerce to paint a sesquicentennial series depicting the community from the days it was a river port to present. His work can be seen at The Augusta Wood Ltd. Gallery and he is among three artists who will be releasing new works there during the spring and summer months.

Joan Parker prefers to paint landscapes in oil. The Kansas City, Kansas resident grew up in California where she was inspired by the California Impressionism movement and nature. Parker has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout her artistic career including International Artists Magasen Book on painting water; American Art Collector 2005 and 2006; Best of Show, La Grange, Ill.; Honorable Mention Awards, Impact Artists Gallery, Buffalo, New York; and the 95th Annual Gold Medal Juried Exhibition 2006 in

Johnson County, Kansas City. Her work is currently on exhibit at the Kodner Gallery in St Louis (a solo exhibition), Pasadena Museum of California Art, the Ranken Jordan Pediatric Hospital, Maryland Heights MO., Rice Gallery, Kansas City, Signs of Life in Lawrence, Kansas.

The juried ArtWalk, sponsored by Saint Charles Riverfront Arts, is free and open to the public. The ArtWalk will showcase 50 professional regional artists who will exhibit their work in a dozen sites on Main Street in downtown St. Charles and in the Foundry Art Centre, 520 North Main Center. Art work will be offered for sale and the artists will be on-site to interact with the public and discuss their work. Hours for the ArtWalk are:

Friday, April 28, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Main Street

Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Foundry Art Centre

Sunday, April 30, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To set up interviews with any of the artists, organizers, sponsors, or community leaders contact:

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