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### **One-Woman Play Brings Louisa May Alcott to Life at the Mystic Arts Center**

**MYSTIC, CT** – January 4, 2008 - On Thursday, January 24, talented actor and Mystic playwright Ruth Crocker will bring history to life in her one-woman play *The Secret Life of Louisa May Alcott*. The Mystic Arts Center's gallery will become Alcott's Orchard House parlor set in Concord, Massachusetts, 1880, as she speaks about the people she admires and the events influencing her life and work.

The play draws from Alcott's diaries, letters and journals to provide a unique, humorous and intimate portrait of a beloved author. The idea for the play began eight years ago when Crocker was rehearsing another play – about Emily Dickinson. A theater director in London suggested that she consider researching Louisa May Alcott as her next subject.

Five years later, Crocker began working on the fascinating life of Ms. Alcott who rose from poverty to international fame and was active in the women's suffrage movement and the battle against slavery. "I was most surprised by the depth of her knowledge about everything," says Crocker, "even the sordid and gritty aspects of life."

The forty-minute play begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a brief Q & A session, and coffee and refreshments. Entrance is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, and is open to the public. Appropriate for ages 10 and older.

For more information or to register, call 860-536-7601 or visit [www.mysticarts.org](http://www.mysticarts.org). The Mystic Arts Center is located at 9 Water Street in Mystic, and is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting creativity, culture and community.

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