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New Exhibitions Open at Mystic Arts Center

MYSTIC, CT – May 24, 2007 – The Mystic Arts Center will host the *Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA) 96th Annual Exhibition* along with the premier exhibition of *A Painter & A Potter: Paired Perceptions* from June 8 through July 21. The opening reception for both exhibits will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, and is free and open to the public.

A Painter & A Potter: Paired Perceptions features the work of Long Island painter and printmaker Anita Lamb and former Connecticut College mathematics professor and potter of 35 years, Stanley Wertheimer. The artists began to view similarities in their work when Lamb used a piece of Wertheimer's pottery as the subject in one of her paintings.

In this exhibition, Lamb's colorful landscape oil painting series, *Hills and Valleys*, mirrors the clean and natural lines of Wertheimer's raku pottery. Both artists' work encompasses the form, color, texture and composition that is true to raku's zen origins – focusing on simplicity and beauty. *A Painter and A Potter: Paired Perceptions* is sponsored by Mystic Manor.

The CAFA exhibition is a juried show in which over \$3,000 worth of prizes will be awarded. This year's jurors for selection and awards are *Craig Frederick*, an internationally collected sculptor and *Maris Platais*, an award winning artist and painter and elected member of The American Society of Marine Artists.

The Mystic Arts Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting creativity, culture and community through a variety of rotating exhibits, art classes, educational programs, and special events. The Center is located at 9 Water Street in historic downtown Mystic, and houses a state-of-the-art studio, five art galleries, and a permanent art collection. For further information, please call 860.536.7601 or visit www.mysticarts.org.

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