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*Fables including elements of nature are transformed into
sculptural works of art*

The White Rock Lake Museum and the Bath House Cultural Center present

Whimsical Nature in Tales, Rhymes, and Fables

Sculptural assemblages by Marilyn Parrish

May 9-October 3, 2009

(not on view from June 9-July 4 and from August 11-September 1, 2009)

Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, May 9, 2009 (7-9 PM)
Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center and the White Rock Lake Museum present *Whimsical Nature in Tales, Rhymes, and Fables*, an exhibition of mixed media assemblage and sculpture inspired by literature and nature by Dallas artist, *Marilyn Parrish*. The exhibition will be on display at the White Rock Lake Museum, May 9-October 3, 2009.

An opening reception with the artist will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

Note: Because the Bath House Cultural Center will be conducting a theater summer camp for children in June and an annual building maintenance in late August, this exhibition will not be on view from June 9 to July 4 and from August 11 to September 1, 2009.

About the Exhibition:

For many years, readers have enjoyed the humor, fantasy, and wisdom found in fairy tales, Mother Goose rhymes, and Aesop's fables. Dallas artist, Marilyn Parrish, has constantly been attracted to the messages, symbols, and artistic potential emerging out of this exceptional literary genre. Creating sculptures and assemblages based on these writings has been a challenging and rewarding experience for Marilyn, giving the artist great pleasure in discovering the whimsy and wit within the words written long ago.

Marilyn Parrish's inventive sculptural style reflects her ability to take fragments of her personal memories along with imaginary stories and settings and fuse them together into a delightful complexity of shapes. In her work, elements of art such as lines, forms, colors and structures create elegantly intricate works of art where the meaning of the artist's stories is often revealed. Ms. Parrish's careful compositions in wood, copper, metal and mixed media are influenced by her research of modern assemblage artists and her background in graphic design. Marilyn Parrish is an active member of the Texas Sculpture Association.

Please visit <http://bathhousecultural.com/museum/parrish.html> for more information and to preview selected art pieces from the exhibition.

About the White Rock Lake Museum

The Bath House Cultural Center is the home of the new *White Rock Lake Museum*. The museum's mission is to preserve and present the human and natural history of White Rock Lake Park and its surrounding environment. The White Rock Lake Museum was inaugurated in September of 2004. Please visit the museum's website at <http://www.whiterocklakemuseum.org>.

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"The Crow and the Pitcher" - Mixed media assemblage by Marilyn Parrish

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The Bath House Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The center is dedicated to fostering the growth, development and quality of multi-cultural arts within the City of Dallas. The center emphasizes innovating visual and performing arts as well as other multi-discipline events throughout the year. Funding for the Bath House Cultural Center is provided by the City of Dallas, with additional support from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

LOCATION AND HOURS:

The Bath House Cultural Center is located on the eastern shore of White Rock Lake at the end of Northcliff Dr. off of Buckner Blvd. at 521 E. Lawther, Dallas, TX 75218. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM. The center is open until 10:00 PM on nights with theatre performances. For general information about cultural programs at the Bath House Cultural Center, please call (214) 670-8749 or visit the center's website at www.bathhousecultural.com

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