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CULTURAL CENTER

For two local painters, Nature is the source of awe and inspiration

The White Rock Lake Museum presents

Naturally

Artwork by Brenda McKinney and Sunny Jacquet

February 4-May 2, 2012

Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, February 4, 2012 (7-9 PM)

Free and open to the public

DALLAS - The White Rock Lake Museum presents *Naturally*, an exhibition of paintings inspired by nature by local artists, Brenda McKinney and Sunny Jacquet. The exhibition will run from February 4 to May 2, 2012. An opening reception with the artists will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 7 to 9 PM. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

The exhibition *Naturally* presents an inspiring collection of paintings that reflect with clarity the inherent attraction and admiration that the two artists have for the natural world. Even though the focus of each painter is about their interaction with nature, each artist interprets its meaning with a unique style and sensibility.

Brenda McKinney's body of work explores the beauty and elements of nature. It is her view that the universe quietly invites one to engage in the natural ambiance becoming aware of the mystical splendor that nature has to reveal. With her art, she exposes the hidden secrets and natural wonders that lie unnoticed. Ms. McKinney explains that: "Without the visual concentration it is impossible to recognize the marvelous sensations of life that lie amongst us. Even though nature is viewed on a minute scale, my work is executed in a manner to force the viewer to acknowledge the presence of the

extraordinary intertwined with a variety of color, shapes, and textures allowing one's mind to interpret what is visible and become more connected to the nature.”

Sunny Jacquet explores a variety of movements of art while incorporating her very personal interpretation of the surreal. Her paintings are meticulously rendered and are representational of her fascination with pears and their symbolic meanings and with nature in general. She was born and raised in South Korea and immigrated to the U.S. in 1986 to pursue a couple of degrees in art. Her passion for travel has taken her to many countries, where she has experienced classic and modern art collections with reflection of different cultures and history. Recently, Ms. Jacquet was selected as one of the *New Dallas Nine*, a distinguished decoration in the field of visual art awarded by D Magazine to artists who demonstrate extraordinary talent and commitment.

Enrique Fernández Cervantes, Curator of Exhibitions for the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, curated this exhibition.

Please visit www.bathhousecultural.com for more information and to preview selected art pieces from the exhibition in the Photo Gallery.

About the White Rock Lake Museum

The Bath House Cultural Center is the home of the 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 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 White Rock Lake Museum is housed inside the Bath House Cultural Center, which 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 <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/>

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