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The Brush Art Gallery & Studios
256 Market Street, Lowell, MA 01852

Exhibit Title: "Reflections: Homage to a Friend" (36th Annual Exhibition of the Brush Art Gallery Studio Artists)

Show Dates: **June 16-July 29, 2018**
Artists' Reception: **Thursday, June 21, 5-7pm**
Gallery Talk with the Artists: **Sunday, July 22, 1-3pm**

Gallery Hours:
Tues-Sat 11:00am—4:00pm, Sun 12:00noon—4:00pm
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Studio Artists Remember Deirdre McCullough Grunwald with Annual Exhibition

The Studio Artists at the Brush Gallery are pleased to announce their upcoming annual group show. This year's exhibit -- entitled "Reflections - Homage to a Friend"-- is being presented as a tribute to the memory of Deirdre McCullough Grunwald, a longtime studio artist and art educator who passed away unexpectedly earlier this year. Deirdre, who had been affiliated with the Brush for over three decades, was renowned for her singular and dedicated passion for teaching others and working collaboratively in addition to producing her own arresting images. Selections from her body of work will be on display along with those of her fellow artists.

To the members of the Brush Family, Deirdre Grunwald was more than just a fellow artist and friend. She was, in many respects, the backbone of the collaborative entity known as the Brush, and her passing has left us all with a palpable sense of loss. More than just a peer, Deirdre was a catalyst who was always generous with her ideas and visions, always willing and indeed eager to share her motivation and energy with others, often prodding them to do more with their art than they ever realized they could. Deirdre's input was always additive, never subtractive. Her comments and critiques were earmarked by empathy, insight, and a true generosity of spirit. She recognized that artistic concepts had elasticity, and was always eager to explore new ideas. She was, in a creative sense, truly a presence to be reckoned with. She is, and will continue to be, sorely missed by all.

Studio Artists, Medium, Hometown

Penelope Cox, Hand-made Jewelry, Lowell
Jenny Day, Fiber Artist/Quilter, Billerica
Lolita Demers, Ceramics and Mixed-Media, Methuen
Chrissy Theo Hungate, Sculpture/Painting, Lowell
Debbie Janes, Quilter/Applique, Chelmsford
Paul Richardson, Photography, Lowell
Ioana Singureanu, Painter, Windham, NH
Victoria Voner, Painter, Lowell
Will Winslow, Designer/Illustrator, Lowell

Links for more information:

For more information about the Brush <http://www.thebrush.org>
Directions to the Brush <http://www.thebrush.org/contact.htm>

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating venue was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Currently, nine studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. **The Brush is supported by the Lowell National Historical Park and Eastern National.**

Image: "Mist II," oil on board, Deirdre McCullough Grunwald

