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Exhibit Title: Cartoons, Illustrations, and Sketches

Exhibit Dates: February 25 to April 8, 2023

Artist Reception: March 18, from 2 to 4 PM (Snow Date March 19)

SEVEN ARTISTS EXHIBIT CARTOONS, ILLUSTRATIONS, AND SKETCHES

Lowell, MA – Join us to see a mix of drawing techniques used in newspapers, magazines and books. Artists have included sketches to reveal the creative process.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Donna Berger has been a freelance illustrator and graphic designer, creating illustrations and designs for picture books and children's publications. Her illustration style is stylized realism. Subject matter includes animals, children, people, historic information and ethnic diversity.

Shennen Bersani is an award-winning children's author and illustrator with 3 million copies of her books cherished and read by children, parents, and teachers throughout the world. Her art delivers heartfelt emotion, the wonders of nature and science, and creates a unique joy of learning. She has illustrated books for Scholastic, Charlesbridge, Arbordale Publishing, the American Cancer Society, among others. She is currently illustrating her 37th picture book. You can read more about her and her books at Shennen.com

Bill Bradbury's work has been published in newspapers, magazines, and numerous publications. He instructed courses in Cartooning and Advertising at UMass Lowell in the Continuing Education department for about 15 years. He was also employed as a graphic artist by the Lowell Sun newspaper for over 25 years. He spends a great deal of time doing portraits, caricatures, drawings and advertising at his studio at Western Avenue.

After his service in the army and a year of factory work, **Will Winslow** pursued a degree in his greatest passion: drawing. After having earned a BFA in illustration at the Rhode Island School of Design, he spent several years illustrating children's books before moving back to New England as an Art Director of the Children's Books division for Addison-Wesley Publishing in Reading. He eventually went on to start his own graphic design firm, Graphic Associates before retiring in 2002 and joining the Brush.

Ted Lavash was Art Director at Honeywell Corporation from 1977 to 2000 until his retirement. He also draws cartoons, line drawings, and paints. Ted is a trustee with the Ayer Lofts Art Gallery in Lowell.

Colleen Sgroi has a studio in Lowell, MA. Her work is available world-wide on prints, puzzles, calendars and greeting cards. Her illustrations in children's books have earned her a Moonbeam Best Illustrator Award, a Feathered Quill award and several Mom's Choice awards. She is a mom and grandmother and enjoys reading, nature walks and art.

Gary Destramp grew up in Lowell, MA in "the acre" — one of Lowell's oldest neighborhoods. Gary studied illustration at New England School of Art and Design in Boston, MA. His illustrations have appeared in newspapers and magazines. He currently works as a designer at a large regional daily newspaper.

Images: "Lowell People" by Bill Bradbury, pencil on paper

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 place 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. 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.**

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