



# DELAVAN ART GALLERY

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### DELAVAN ART GALLERY HOSTS PRESENTATION BY ARTISTS INCLUDED IN “THE HEALING MUSE” JOURNAL

**Syracuse NY, March 5, 2010** – In a special event on Saturday, March 20, Delavan Art Gallery is hosting a presentation by authors and artists included in the ninth edition of *The Healing Muse*, a literary journal produced by The Center for Bioethics and Humanities at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Free to the public, the presentation of readings and displays are scheduled from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The event includes servings of light refreshments.

Initiated in 2001, the journal’s founding editor, Dr. Bonnie St. Andrews saw the vehicle as “the place where science and the art of medicine would reveal their common purpose: to provide and witness healing, analyzing and accepting the human experience in its commonality and its infinite variety.” Rafael Campo, MD and poet from Harvard University says of the journal, “Poets and doctors, nurses and artists, humanists all, will find their voices celebrated in *The Healing Muse*. It has grown to become an instrument of healing for our entire troubled culture.”

Deidre Neilen, editor of *The Healing Muse* and professor at SUNY Upstate, says that writers and artists from Upstate New York and around the country are featured in annual editions “in an effort to facilitate and promote a community in which people are able to openly discuss medicine, disease, illness and patient care. Artistic expression, be it poetry, prose or art, all constitute a mending remedy for those who need any sort of inspiration. The Muse helps to foster stronger communication and understanding with those involved in all aspects of the medical community of caregivers, family and friends.”

Included in the March 20 presentation at Delavan Art Gallery are: poets Linda Loomis and Mary Kathryn Jablonski; writers Linda Tomol Pennisi and Kayleen Wilkinson; and visual artists Yolanda Tooley, Susannah Loiselle and Sarah Averill. Co-hosting the event are Andrea Asprelli, editorial assistant for *The Healing Muse*, and Sarah Averill, an artist, author and fourth year medical student with a background in urban planning. Copies of the journal will be available for sale.

Delavan Art Gallery is a 3,800 square foot showcase and sales venue for fine art created by area artists. Conveniently located in downtown Syracuse at 501 West Fayette St., just a block beyond Armory Square, the gallery is free and open to the public. Off-street parking is available and the gallery is handicapped accessible. Regular Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and at other times by appointment.

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