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July –August Gallery Exhibits Announced by Smyrna Library

Artwork of Romanian Children and Local Artist Jane Springfield Featured

SMYRNA, GA (July 1, 2008) – The Friends of Smyrna Library has announced that the Smyrna Library Gallery Display Cases will feature an exhibit called: Through the Eyes of a Child: Romanian Children Artists during the months of July and August. The adjacent Art Gallery will have the landscapes and still-life watercolors of Marietta artist, Jane Springfield. The exhibits are on display daily during regular library operating hours and are located on the second floor of the Smyrna Library at 100 Village Green Circle in the Smyrna Village.

Nick Clark, Director of Education for the High Museum of Art, upon seeing several examples of the paintings of the young Romanian artists, described the work as “engaging, exciting, and something not to be missed.” The Romanian Children artists range in age from 9 to 18. While in Atlanta, the Romanian children will mentor American students in a two-week session honing their creative skills and building a bond of friendship through the international language of art. The program, sponsored by Through

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the Eyes of a Child, Inc. promotes international understanding, builds friendships, and

develops cultural sensitivity among children of different backgrounds and cultures.

For more information and to view paintings please visit www.romanianchildrenartists.org

The Friends of the Library will sponsor a reception for the Romanian children on July 7th at 7:30 at the library.

“We are fortunate to have a local artist like Jane Springfield who can capture the essence of special places and bring them to life for people throughout the Atlanta area.” Jane’s use of clear, subtle color emphasizes the transparent quality of the medium. She paints on location and in her studio. Also working in oils and pencil, she creates picture memories inspired by what she sees on travels, local scenes, and hiking or backpacking. The exhibit in the Smyrna Library Galleries includes “Scenes from the Trail” from North Georgia’s mountains, New Zealand’s Great Walks, the National Parks in Southern Utah and other places.

The Smyrna Library Galleries, which are managed by the Friends of Smyrna Library, are showcases for the works of local artists, craftspeople and collectors who have something unique to share with the larger community. The Friends of Smyrna Library organization is continuously seeking thought-provoking and visually appealing exhibits to feature in the gallery.

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“We are looking for exhibits and or artists that will appeal to a diverse audience, as I am sure the both of these will,” explained Sibert. “If we develop highly valued exhibits that people make a point of visiting, that will further reinforce the value of our library to the community, which goes well beyond all things related to the printed word. This is really a diverse library and our galleries are an example of that.”

The Friends of Smyrna Library is a non-profit organization that has served the Smyrna Library since 1991. The organization develops and executes various adult programs and helps fund children programs to promote appreciation for the library and to grow its membership. The Friends of Smyrna Library is the sponsor of “Murder Goes South,” a southern mystery book festival that brings authors and readers throughout the region

together for discussions, workshops and more. It is the highlight of the Friends yearly program schedule. To learn more about the Friends of Smyrna Library, visit friendsofsmyrnalibrary.org.

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