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"Lynn Mehta: The Colorful Landscape in Light and Shadow"

Art Exhibit February 28 - March 25, 2011 at the Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts



"Hilltop" by Lynn Mehta oil on linen on panel 9"x 12"

Fredericksburg, Virginia – The Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts (FCCA) presents the art exhibit, *Lynn Mehta: The Colorful Landscape in Light and Shadow*. The exhibit will be located in the FCCA Members' Gallery. It opens February 28, 2011 and runs through March 25, 2011. A First Friday Opening Reception will be held on March 4, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

The exhibit is a collection of Lynn Mehta's colorful oil paintings which explore light and shadow in the landscape. All paintings are done in oil and some have been painted in the studio while others have been painted outside on location (*en plein air*). Light shines in from a group of trees or around an object in the landscape in many of the paintings. In other paintings, light shines across a land mass or water. Poet Walt Whitman reflected: "Every moment of light and dark is a

miracle." While painting the landscape Lynn has had the opportunity to really appreciate this experience. She says, "when I paint outside everything changes so quickly because the light is constantly moving, nothing stays still."



"Marsh at Goose Creek, North Carolina" by Lynn Mehta oil 24" x 36"

Lynn Mehta is a visual artist who finds her inspiration from the landscape. Lynn paints in a contemporary impressionistic manner. Born and raised in California, she now calls Alexandria, Virginia home. An artist since childhood, Lynn obtained her B.A. in Art from San Diego State University. She is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association, holds Bin Gallery Membership at The Art League in Alexandria, Virginia and is active with many other professional art organizations in the region. Lynn has participated in several plein air painting events and has displayed her oil landscapes in multiple venues including 17 FCCA juried shows since she joined as a member in Fall 2008. In addition to receiving numerous second place awards, honorable mentions and equal merit awards she recently won an "In the French Tradition" award at the Out and About Norfolk Plein Air Competition 2010 and The Art League Award twice in a row (March 2010, October 2010) in Alexandria's Art in City Hall.

The Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts (FCCA) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization supporting the creative arts in Fredericksburg, Virginia. FCCA is located in the Historic Silversmith House, *circa* 1785 and a Partner of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Monthly, FCCA brings new art exhibits, special programs and events, art trips, and art classes for all ages to the Fredericksburg community. These events are planned and organized entirely by volunteer members, and funded through member and community support.

Location: 813 Sophia Street Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Hours: Open 12-4 p.m. Thursday-Monday & 11-4:00 Saturday (Closed Tues. & Wed.)

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