

## **News Release: MassMu Hosts “The New Face of Watercolor” Exhibition**

The Massillon Museum’s new second-floor exhibition, “The New Face of Watercolor: A Conversation with the Past,” matches ten works of art from the Museum’s permanent collection with ten contemporary watercolor paintings by Nancy Stewart Matin. The exhibition is now open and will continue through October of this year.

Nancy Stewart Matin, a North Canton resident, is a signature member of the Ohio Watercolor Society, and her work resides in the permanent collections of several Stark County institutions including the Massillon Museum, North Canton Library, and the Canton Museum of Art, where she serves on the board of trustees.

The artist participated in the Massillon Museum’s “Adaptations” exhibition in 2006. She will demonstrate her painting technique at the Museum on Sunday, August 19, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m., in conjunction with the closing of the “Midwestern Visions of Impressionism: 1890-1930” exhibition. A \$5 admission fee to the painting demonstrations (also featuring Brian Robinson) will entitle guests to an opportunity to win a painting.

A self-taught artist, Nancy Stewart Matin uses a “pour” technique, a process by which watercolor paint is mixed thinly with water and then poured through various filters.

“Watercolor has come a long way since days gone by,” says Matin. “It was considered a study for serious painting to be created in oils, of course.” She explains that artists are no longer purists, using only transparent watercolor paints. “We now paint in water media,” also employing gouache (an opaque watercolor paint) and acrylic (whose origin is plastic.” She says this takes nothing from the art of the past. “We are what we are because of what came before us. We have simply chosen another path—flinging, pouring, freeing ourselves and our paint.”

“The New Face of Watercolor” may be seen during regular Museum hours Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. through October 2007. Admission to the Museum is free.

The Massillon Museum is located at 121 Lincoln Way East (Ohio 172) in downtown Massillon. For more information, call the Museum at 330-833-4061 or visit [www.massillonmuseum.org](http://www.massillonmuseum.org).

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