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The Galesburg Civic Art Center proudly announces the opening of the national juried GALEX 45 Exhibition and Competition. The exhibition opens Saturday, March 12th and runs through Saturday, April 9th. The competition awards over $2,000 in prizes including a $1,000 Purchase Award sponsored by Blick Art Materials. The GALEX 45 Exhibition is sponsored by our exhibition partner, Cottage Hospital.

GALEX is one of the longest running juried exhibitions in the country. It began in 1966 and has been an annual event at the Art Center ever since. Sixty-two artists from Illinois and other states have been selected to participate in this show including:

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Christopher Bradshaw of Bettendorf, Iowa for his oil on canvas entitled A Precipitated Fashioning

There will be an Opening Reception in the Art Center Gallery on Saturday, March 12th, from 6-8 p.m. which is free and open to the public. Many of the artists will be in attendance.

The juror for this year's exhibition and competition is Mel Adamson. Ms. Adamson received her Master of Fine Arts from University of California at Berkeley in 1988. She studied with Joan Brown, Christopher Brown and David Simpson and was a teaching assistant to Joan Brown. She studied painting at École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris, France during her junior year but otherwise did her undergraduate studies in both music and visual art at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Her work is exhibited nationally and locally. Mel's primary subjects are the figure as well as imagery that refers to elements in nature, some of which have been affected by human activity such as harnessed rivers for hydroelectricity or high atmospheric clouds whose formation is threatened due to global warming. "I work with imagery relating to water and other natural resources, their use, storage and waste, and our simultaneous reverence for and destruction of nature. I am interested in the translation of the idea of storage and release of energy and the condition of change into the pictorial realm." She is inspired by her students – their visual inquiry, dedication and skill. She lives most of the year in Richmond, CA with her husband, her teenage daughter, their black lab, cat, and chickens and gains inspiration for her painting while working in her garden. Mel is a part-time assistant professor for the pictorial art department at San Jose State University and taught at the

California College of the Arts for their extended education program in Oakland, CA between 1999 and 2007.

Additional award sponsors of this year's GALEX show are Breslin's Floor Covering for the Award of Excellence, McFall Monument Company for the Medallion Award, and Blick Art Materials for the Kent Leasure Memorial Fine Print Award. Dowers Roofing is our Juror Sponsor.

GALEX and all other programs of the Art Center are partially funded by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. The Galesburg Civic Art Center is located at 114 E. Main St. in Galesburg, Illinois. Art Center hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information please contact the Art Center at (309) 342-7415, or visit our web site at www.galesburgarts.org

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