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St. John's Boulder Art Gallery Opens a New Show
Featured theme of the new exhibit is peace

Artist Reception: Saturday, January 6, 2007, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Boulder, Colo. (January 2, 2007) – January through February, St. John's Boulder Art Gallery will feature the work of Sandra Bierman and Loren Laureti. Peace, the theme of this exhibit, is allusive in the real world, but it is a state of grace to which all mankind aspires. Perhaps that is why the world's great religions emphasize the importance of finding inner peace, the only kind of peace that is truly within man's grasp. Artists can reflect peace through aesthetic choices – subject matter, color, composition, and technique. As Bierman and Laureti demonstrate in this show, artists can both initiate and facilitate that inward journey toward a profound sense of inner peace.

Sandra Bierman

A recipient of numerous awards, Sandra's oils are widely collected, published, and distributed worldwide. Even after years of training and refinement, Sandra proclaims that it is most important to her to work intuitively, "with no models or photographs to influence the spontaneity of my inner perceptions as they emerge." Her paintings often reflect "grounded" women -- cradling children, gardening, washing their hair. These women are connected to the Earth and its rhythms. Her use of light adds an ethereal dimension to her work and is reminiscent of the chiaroscuro technique of Italian art and cinema. Sandra's subjects reflect the peace that emerges among those who live in harmony with nature. *See Sandra's work at www.stjohnsboulder.org/artgallery/.*

Loren Laureti, Photographer

Loren Laureti has found in Colorado's mountains, its flora and fauna, a doorway to the world of nature photography. Jan Vermeer, who used camera obscura to infuse his world with a special light and a kind of photo-realism, has been a major influence on Loren's work, as have Eliot Porter and Ansel Adams. Loren seeks to capture the "contrast of light on a leaf and the subtle shadow beneath it, the graceful lines of an opening flower, the rich green offering of ferns in a quiet wood." She presents observers with images suggestive of that "unique and peaceful place inside themselves," a world set apart from the chaos of daily living. *See Loren's work at www.stjohnsboulder.org/artgallery/.*

About the St. John's Boulder Art Gallery

The St. John's Art Boulder Art Gallery is a non-profit organization established by St. John's Episcopal Church. It serves as a venue for talented local and regional artists. Juried shows are developed around themes, and submissions must be appropriate for all ages. Located at 1419 Pine Street, the **St. John's Art Gallery** is free and open to the public. Visit the gallery on line at www.stjohnsboulder.org/artgallery/ .