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The Hosts of The "First Sunday Salon" exhibit together for the first time at the River Run Gallery in Lambertville, NJ.

The River Run Gallery in Lambertville is pleased to announce the exhibit Natural Dimensions, featuring sculpture by Ron Bevilacqua and paintings by Christine McHugh, for the month of April. The new exhibit will feature many pieces never before seen by the public.

Ron Bevilacqua, a noteworthy sculptor from rural Upper Bucks County, has created sculpture for over 30 years, reflecting the beauty of nature within the structure of rocks, trees and soil. Living amidst boulders and tall trees has given him the uncanny ability to see and bring to the surface interesting human and animal images.

His early careers working as a mason and a high school teacher have enabled him to acquire the skills necessary to creatively apply mallet and chisel techniques to wood and stone, transforming the natural materials into works of art. He studied with some prominent artists at the Baum School of Art for fifteen years and carved marble in Pietrasanta, Italy. Currently teaching sculpture for Bucks County Community College, he is proud of his students who have gone on to show in several regional sculpture exhibits.

An interesting compilation of his work will be on display at the River Run Gallery in Lambertville throughout the month of April.

Christine McHugh has been painting the scenic views of Bucks County, Pennsylvania for the past eleven years, beginning on a rainy day in 1998 after finding a pan of her daughter's watercolors; she has been continually inspired by her surroundings ever since. She has had the opportunity to teach and show both locally and on Cape Cod for the past 8 years. Having begun painting with watercolors, she has since become known for her acrylic and oil paintings as well. Ranging in style from representational to abstract, her works, including her earlier functional art, are housed in private and public collections locally, nationally, and around the world.

"The opportunity to paint whatever moves me on a certain day, allows me to express my many interests, as well as learn to handle new mediums. Therefore, my shows tend to have a bit of everything...I couldn't imagine being limited to one style."

Having had the opportunity to study the works of the Pennsylvania Impressionists for several years, as well as other famous American painters, has greatly influenced her newer works. Many of the pieces in this current show seem to reflect this newfound knowledge.

"Natural Dimensions" runs for the entire month of April, with an opening reception on April 4, 2009 from 6-9pm. A "meet the artists" tea on will be held on April 18, 2009 from noon until 3pm.

Both artists will be gallery sitting on the weekends for the duration of the show. Please check the websites below for further information.

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Who: Ron Bevilacqua and Christine McHugh

What: *Natural Dimensions*

Fine Art Exhibit of sculpture and paintings

Where: River Run Gallery

287 South Main St. (RT. 29 South)

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When: April 1-30, 2009