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## **Spring Showers brings...A New Art Exhibit**

**April 5 – May 31, 2008**

**Opening Reception: *Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 3 – 6 pm***

*Albany, CA*— “The Spring Showers” exhibit at A Different Day gallery will feature eight Bay Area artists. The exhibit showcases the joys, colors, and feelings of Spring. Artwork includes watercolors, oils, photography, silk painting and handcrafted kites.

The exhibit opens with an artist reception on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and runs through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. A Different Day gallery is located at 1233 Solano Avenue in Albany, California.

### **Featured Artists:**

Camille Ahern, silk artist  
Janet Butler, painter  
Carole Fitzgerald, painter  
Lorrie Fink, painter

Tom McAllister, painter  
Bruce McLaughlin, photography  
George Kanakis, painter  
Jacqueline Krayna, photography

Local Albany painter, **Carole Fitzgerald** will have three of her watercolor paintings showcased. Carole grew up in the Black Hills of South Dakota, an area known for its lovely scenery. Her early influences instilled a lifelong passion to explore landscapes, throughout California, Colorado, Oregon, France, and Japan. In addition to landscapes, Carole found habitats where animals, plants, and people thrived, and her immersion in those settings is represented by her paintings. Carole has been a significant advocate for protecting and enjoying the natural habitat of Albany Hill.

Most of us in the Albany area know **George Kanakis** as a master framer. His frame shop has sat on Solano Avenue for many years. George is also a master painter. He was born in Crete and moved to Athens, Greece as a young boy. Showing an early talent, he studied under a number of private teachers and took art classes both in Greece and in the United States. His rich oil landscapes reflect his love of nature and immense talent. Many of his original works hang in homes and businesses in the United States and abroad. Four of George’s oil paintings will be displayed during the exhibition.

**Tom McAllister** has been building and designing kites since the early 1980s. Tom’s preference for clarity of form and core simplicity leads him to create kite structures that are free of ornate surface graphics – structures whose pure form is his artistic expression. The gallery will showcase Tom’s kites and several giclee prints of the kites.

**Camille Ahern** spent most of her career as a high tech manager in corporate America. During those 25 years, she yearned for something more creative than her work provided. For the past few years, she has focused on mastering silk painting techniques, and experimenting with abstract painting techniques. Camille has a deep understanding of abstract composition in art, and she deftly transfers her art onto her silk paintings and decorative quilts. Camille will be displaying two silk paintings and a hand-painted quilt.

Sharing her time between Italy and Oakland, **Janet Butler** has devoted her last few years to her favorite medium – watercolor. While her interests in various subjects have changed over time, involving different subjects at different moments in her artistic evolution, Janet she has always remained faithful to two principal interests: the portrait and the cityscape. Three of Camille’s watercolor paintings, including two landscapes, will be at A Different Day gallery.

Oakland based painter, **Lorrie Fink’s** paintings are inspired by organic forms found in nature, linking visceral experiences to larger universal themes. Through painting, she juxtaposes her tumultuous feelings about transition, loss, and time passages, with more optimistic memories and hope. A Different Day gallery will feature six paintings from Lorrie’s “So Long” series.

California native, **Bruce McLaughlin**, spends most of his time as a computer consultant and stretches his creative muscles with photography. His long lasting interests are visiting beautiful natural places, a concern for the environment, and using computers and technology. Bruce makes his gallery debut with several giclee prints.

**Jacqueline Krayna** spent her formative years attending classes at the School of Visual Arts and the Art Students League in Manhattan and earned her BFA from Tufts University and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Jacqueline moved to the West Coast in 1991. For more than 12 years she worked exclusively in photography, exploring many film formats. Her works presented at the exhibit are shot using black and white and color negative film.

**ALL EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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**Information**

A Different Day gallery 1233 Solano Avenue Albany, CA 94706 510-868-4904	<b>Gallery Hours:</b> Monday –Wednesday Thursday & Friday Saturday & Sunday	By appointment 3 pm – 6 pm 12 noon – 6 pm
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A Different Day Gallery is an art gallery located on Solano Avenue in Albany, California. We are dedicated to bringing together emerging artists and the collectors who are looking affordable original artwork. We keep our walls open for local artist to gain exposure. By concentrating on emerging artists, art appreciators are able afford original artwork and support local artists. Our goal is to create a relaxed environment, where the world of art is less intimidating and more inspiring - the way we believe art should be.

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