

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 27, 2015

MEDIA CONTACT:

John C. Wilson
410-888-9048 ext. 6619
jwilson@muih.edu



“Second Take: Two Painters... Two Perspectives” Paintings by Nancy Davis and Diane Dunn

Opens March 21 at Himmelfarb Gallery, Maryland University of Integrative Health

LAUREL, Md. – “Second Take: Two Painters... Two Perspectives” features landscape paintings by Howard County residents Nancy Davis and Diane Dunn, and opens Saturday, March 21 in the Himmelfarb Gallery at Maryland University of Integrative Health. Both artists are interpreting the same local scenes from their own artistic perspective. An Artists Reception will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, which is free and open to the public.

Nancy Davis and Diane Dunn have been friends and colleagues at Artists’ Gallery in Columbia, MD for many years. They paint in different media and different styles, but both have a strong affinity for and appreciation of their natural surroundings.

They have painted a number of the same local landscapes and other natural subjects, either together or on their own, to explore how their individual visions may illuminate the same scenes. Some of the works are painted plein air and others in the studio, and most represent the beauty to be found right here in Howard County.

Davis came to her love of oil painting through her work as an advocate for environmental protection, eventually realizing that preserving beautiful landscapes on her canvasses was extremely rewarding. She paints outdoors at every opportunity, and while she has painted around the world, her favorite subjects are usually on the Eastern and Western shores of Maryland and in Howard County. She paints as a

colorist/impressionist with loose brush marks and vivid colors, preferring a strong abstract quality in her representational work.

Dunn has gone full circle from painting to photography and back to painting. She worked for a number of years with black and white photography, often enhancing it with oils and pastels. Over the years, she returned to her love of painting and now works in watercolor, acrylic, and oil painting on canvas, paper, and board for different effects. Her subjects include landscapes, still life, and anything that inspires and makes her stop to look. Her style is impressionistic but is often influenced by the subject and medium she chooses.

Artwork from the exhibit will be on sale through the Meeting Point bookstore, which is adjacent to the gallery. [Visit the Himmelfarb Gallery online.](#)

What: Second Take: Two Painters... Two Perspectives, Paintings by Nancy Davis and Diane Dunn

When: March 21 – June 20, 2015

Where: Himmelfarb Gallery, Maryland University of Integrative Health
7750 Montpelier Rd., Laurel, MD 20723

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Artists Reception: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

About Nancy Davis

Nancy Davis did not start out to be an artist, but spent more than three decades as an environmental activist working to save the land, water, and air for the future. Currently, she preserves nature through painting the beautiful world around her. She has studied colors and their healing properties. The colors of her palette include the colors of healing.

Davis, a Clarksville resident, studied art at a local college and many workshops with well-known artists. Learning something new about painting excites her most. She teaches painting in Howard County, Maryland, and exhibits at a range of regional galleries including Art League of Alexandria, Artist Gallery in Columbia, Horse Spirit Arts Gallery in Ellicott City, and Whitehall Gallery in Annapolis.

You can also see Nancy's work at www.nancyleedavis.com

About Diane Dunn

Diane Dunn holds a bachelor's degree from Penn State University, and has also studied at Maryland Institute College of Art and Howard Community College. She's taken workshops with The Art League in Alexandria, VA; Skip Lawrence in Maine; and Santa Fe Photography Workshop in New Mexico. She has exhibited extensively in Maryland and Virginia galleries, including the Artists' Gallery, Art League of Alexandria, the Columbia Art Center, and The Johnsons of Madrid, near Santa Fe, NM.

Dunn's goal in painting, as in photography, is to capture a sense of time and place – to explore the essence of an object, being, or location. She wishes to communicate an emotional response to a moment which captivates her imagination.

You can also see Diane's work at www.dianebdunn.com

About Maryland University of Integrative Health

Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH) educates and practitioners and leaders in health and wellness through transformative and relationship-centered programs that integrate ancient wisdom and contemporary science. MUIH offers graduate degrees and certificates in a wide range of wellness fields, as well as programs for professional and personal development. The on-campus Natural Care Center offers compassionate and affordable healthcare from student interns and professional practitioners, delivering more than 35,000 clinical treatments a year.

About the Himmelfarb Gallery

The lobby of MUIH's main campus building serves as the gallery space and features four exhibits each year that focus on some aspect of healing, wellness, or nature. Since opening in April 2003, the gallery has displayed paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, fabrics and artist-made paper.

For more information, please visit www.muih.edu.

High resolution images are available upon request.

#