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The Artistic Town Public Library in Artistic Town, Massachusetts Hosts Adult Workshop in Pastel Painting with Award-winning Gregory John Maichack

(Artistic Town, XX) The Artistic Town Public Library, 104 North Main St., Artistic Town, MA 02720, will host award-winning artist Gregory John Maichack, Wednesday, March 14, 2007, from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. for a workshop, "Introduction to Pastel Painting" for adults. Space is limited, so please call (545) 333-2222 to pre-register for this free, hands-on workshop with all supplies provided. Please bring a simple image or photo to work from.

Mr. Maichack will give participants an engaging hands-on demo/lesson of basic and advanced pastel painting techniques. Beginners to accomplished artists benefit, side-by-side. All will try their hand at starting a pastel painting. Participants are encouraged to freely experiment with hundreds of the artist's professional grade hard and soft pastels, and professional pastel paper.

Mr. Maichack's workshops have been so well-liked, many libraries and senior centers have booked and rebooked him, often twice a year. "What I heard through students' comments reflects a teaching style that is rare: encouraging, positive and constructive, with information given in a style that students find approachable, accessible, and clear," wrote Melinda Georgeson, Director of Education, Norman Rockwell Museum.

Maichack, a Massachusetts Gold Star Program nominee, will individually demonstrate the essentials of painting with pastels, and he will display his original pastel artwork to illustrate his talk. His demo of expressive pastel painting shows how to achieve luminous color and volume, how to structure an engaging composition, and tips on creating impact. All will receive help tailored to their projects, whether landscape, still-life, or portraiture.

Artist Gregory John Maichack lives in western Holyoke. He is a portraitist and painter working primarily in pastels. Winner of the Award of Merit from the Bennington Center for the Arts: Impressions of New England Show 2003, he also was awarded the Savoir-faire Pastel Award from the Great Lakes Pastel Society. Maichack recently was commissioned by Westfield State College to paint the pastel portrait of the past president of Westfield State College, Doctor Frederick Woodward, which was unveiled in September at the dedication of the Woodward Center. He has been in many national juried shows and was awarded numerous Massachusetts Cultural Council grants. In addition to portraiture, his still lifes and landscapes are represented by galleries from Kennenbunkport, Maine to San Francisco, California. Maichack is accepting requests to do portraits, and various commissions to do pastel paintings. Please call (413) 532-3667 or e-mail Mr. Maichack at EmJay7@aol.com. Visit his new web site at www.GregoryMaichack.com.

Maichack is a faculty member of the Quadrangle Museum School at the Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield, MA. He also teaches at Greenfield and Holyoke Community Colleges in their adult continuing education departments.

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