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“Best of the Season” art exhibition opens Dec. 7 at Wilton Library

Wilton, CT – Three award-winning artists have their opening reception for “Best of the Season,” on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Wilton Library. Robert Everding from Brookfield, Bobbi Eike Mullen from Georgetown, and James Pascucci from Weston will display more than 60 paintings in this diverse exhibit which runs through Saturday, December 27. The accomplished artists’ visual presentations range from impressionistic to realistic to trompe l’oeil with varied styles and subject matter.

Robert Everding balanced his art pursuits with a successful corporate career in the computer field, first as a programmer and later as a director of information technology for a large consumer products corporation. He took “early retirement” to concentrate on his art full time. He creates a broad scope of evocative images that reflects his wide-ranging interests and versatility as an artist. According to Everding, “Changing the subject matter increases my enthusiasm for the next painting. Hopefully, the image in a painting or a print will provide the viewer with a “10 second vacation” – visual appeal of course, but also evoking a memory or providing the feeling that there’s a history or a story behind the scene.” His finely detailed acrylics paintings have received numerous awards at juried exhibits in the northeast. He also curates and installs corporate and special event art exhibits. He is a Brookfield, CT resident who maintains affiliations with the Kent Art Association and the Society of Creative Arts of Newtown.

Bobbi Eike Mullen is well-known to Wilton Library patrons, having exhibited at the library often, particularly in the Wilton Artists Summer Art Shows, as well as in other group exhibits. She began painting and drawing at age 7 when her father gave her a used set of watercolors. She followed that dream through special art classes in grade school, continued through Wilton High School and after winning a scholarship, was able to earn her degree from The Silvermine College of Art. After marrying and beginning a family, she obtained a scholarship from the Famous Artist School. Through many

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more courses with area artists, creative employment positions and a discipline of independent study, she has expanded her appreciation and knowledge of art. According to Mullen her works portray the illusion of realism, yet travels into the realm of impressionism. Her drawings of the human figure are sensitive and classical, while her experimental collages are colorfully entertaining. She recently noted, “I believe each image, every subject, demands its own visual translation. I continually encourage my students to allow a painting to inform them of its needs, therefore creating interaction between the image and the viewer.” Mullen teaches oil, acrylic and water media painting at Building Blocks Art Supply in Branchville, CT, conducts workshops throughout New England and is a member of CT Women Artists, New Canaan Society for the Arts, Rowayton Arts Center and ArtWhirl, a small group of artists expanding their exhibition opportunities. Her studio and home are in Georgetown, CT.

James Pascucci is a 1949 graduate of Fine Art from the Whitney School of Art, New Haven, CT, now the Paier School of Design. He was able to use his artistic talents all through his career in the corporate world, having worked for General Electric Company in the beginning, then for 31 years with Perkin-Elmer Corporation. Currently, Pascucci exhibits in fund-raising art shows including the Junior League of Fairfield County, the Norfield Art Show of Weston, the Pequot Library Art Show and the Mark Twain Art Show in Redding, among others. A Weston resident for more than 40 years, his paintings are in galleries around the Fairfield County area, West Palm Beach, Florida, and in private and corporate settings. Pascucci remarks that “his work is stimulated by the painting relationships that express the mood, color and light of impressionism.”

The majority of the paintings will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Wilton Library’s art collection fund. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 – 8, Friday 10 – 6, Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 1 – 5. The library will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For directions and information, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call (203) 762-3950.

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Caption: “Garden at Weston Priory” (acrylic on canvas) by Bobbie Eike Mullen is one of the more than 60 paintings by Mullen, Robert Everding and James Pascucci featured at the opening reception for “Best of the Season” at Wilton Library on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The exhibit runs through Saturday, Dec. 27. The library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in Wilton Center. For information: www.wiltonlibrary.org; (203) 762-3950.