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Wild Bunch takes over Wilton Library's art exhibition March 6

Wilton, CT – “The Wild Bunch” – “twenty-three women and one guy” – overtakes Wilton Library on Friday evening, March 6, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. for its opening art reception. The group calls the Rowayton Arts Center its home and has been together for close to fifteen years, thriving under the mentoring of artist Charles Ray (the sole male). The diverse collection showcases varied subject matters in an array of styles created with acrylics, watercolors, pastels, mixed media and oils in more than 70 pieces. The artists in the group are from the surrounding areas: Britt Bair, Sally Bushing, Dee Dee Cook, Madeleine Mueller, Dana Munroe, Vicky Smith and Suzanne Wright from Darien; Sandy Bromer from Fairfield; Susan O’Shea of New Canaan; Donna Atkins, Virginia Bates, Merion Frolich, Belinda Ganser, Jessica Huse, Joan Manning, Edith McClean and Jeannine Soper from Norwalk; Charles Ray of Redding; Joan Poarch from Trumbull; Jackie Flatow of Westport; Dorothy Hyde and Ruth Ipe from Wilton; and two from New York—Barbara McNear of Hastings on Hudson and Marge Wynne from Westchester.

The Wild Bunch’s expertise ranges from full-time artists to hobbyists, all brimming with passion and enthusiasm. According to Belinda Ganser, one of the lead organizers for The Wild Bunch exhibition, a quote from Robert Henri (1865-1929; Ashcan School movement) best describes the essence of the group:

“There are, however, societies of a very few—little cliques which form by sympathy and which believe in and sustain the independence of their members, and which live by the variety of individualities expressed.”

The art exhibition runs through Sunday, March 29. The majority of the artwork is available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Wilton Library’s art collection. The library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 – 8; Friday 10 – 6; Saturday 10 – 5 and

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Sunday 1 – 5. The library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For information and directions, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call (203) 762-3950.

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Caption: "Green Apples" (acrylic) by Jeannine Soper is one of the more than 70 works on display in *A Group Show of "The Wild Bunch"* opening at Wilton Library on Friday, March 6, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. The reception is open to the public. The exhibition is a selection of artworks by twenty-four local artists, including the esteemed Charles Ray, representing a diverse collection of subject matter using acrylics, watercolors, pastels, mixed media and oils. The exhibition runs through Sunday, March 29. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For information and directions: www.wiltonlibrary.org or call (203) 762-3950.