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Umbrian Landscapes **by Watercolor Artist Sylvia Cameron at Archway Gallery**

Exhibition April 7 – May 3, 2012

Opening Reception

DATE: Saturday, April 14, 2012
TIME: 5 – 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Archway Gallery, 2305 Dunlavy, Houston, TX 77006
Light refreshments will be served

Houston, Texas (January 30, 2012) – Archway Gallery presents *Umbrian Landscapes* featuring works by watercolor artist [Sylvia Cameron](#). The exhibition will be on view April 7 – May 3, 2012.

The artist will be on hand to visit with guests during the exhibition opening reception on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 5 – 8 pm at the gallery.

The exhibit features the beautiful landscapes of Umbria, Italy, depicting the grand villas, hilltop towns, olive groves and architecture. During three trips to central Italy in the province of Umbria, Cameron was captivated by the beauty and charm of the area. While there, she would make daily trips to the nearby hilltop towns to photograph, sketch and paint.

Cameron's paintings articulate the unique atmosphere of the towns she visited and serve as a kaleidoscope of her memories of the scenes that captured her fascination. "I think it is the light and shadows that so captivated me," explains Cameron. "I enjoy trying to get the details as close to reality as I can."

Cameron's technique includes sketching her plan onto watercolor paper and applying layers of washes to build up rich surfaces. She progresses to darker and darker values to capture the deep shadows, making the colors even brighter. Remembering that there are no lines in nature, only value changes, she incorporates details to give her subjects the realistic touch for which her paintings are so well known.

Cameron, a long time resident of The Woodlands, Texas, has an avid interest in depicting the world around her, whether it is the people she has encountered on her travels or the natural environment in her own back yard. She is able to capture the rhythm in vivid colors and almost photographic realism. Her ability to accomplish this in watercolor, which is traditionally thought to be pale and fluid, is a triumph she enjoys.

After graduating from the University of Houston with an Art Education Certificate, Cameron obtained her masters in Art Education from Sam Houston State University. She taught art in both elementary and high school for eight years. During this time, she pursued her interest in pottery, sculpture, watercolor and photography while traveling and honing her skills in art classes and workshops. Most notable of her instructors were Polly Hammett and Virginia Cobb.

She went to Umbria, Italy to attend workshops at La Romeda Art School. While there she visited many hilltop towns, some dating back to the fifteenth century, spent countless hours sketching, painting and photographing the ancient towns and enjoying the local food and wine, all of which inspired her current exhibit, *Umbrian Landscapes*.

Sylvia Cameron is presently showing her work in two local galleries - in Old Town Spring at The Garden of the Dragonfly and in Houston at Archway Gallery.

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