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SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ARTISTS 46TH OPEN NATIONAL JURIED SHOW

Salmon Arm, BC—The Society of Canadian Artists (SCA) is pleased to present the 46th Annual Open National Juried Show. The exhibition opens September 6th and continues through September 27th, 2014 at the Salmon Arm Art Gallery, Salmon Arm, British Columbia. The show features 38 artists from across Canada encompassing a diverse selection of outstanding and creative art. The opening reception is September 5th, 7pm.

Three jurors presided over this year's entries: Tracey Kutschker, Director/Curator at Salmon Arm Arts Centre; Terry Greenhough, Art Teacher and member of the Federation of Canadian Artists; and Pat Fairhead, M.A., M.Ed., R.C.A., C.S.P.W.C., O.S.A., S.C.A., founding member and past president of the SCA.

The show features the recently announced **Mary Pratt Crystal Award**. The *Award* has been created in recognition of renowned Newfoundland and Labrador artist, Mary Pratt. Pratt is one of Canada's most respected artists and has been an active member and Ambassador of the Canadian arts community for over 50 years. She has served on the Canada Council for the Arts and was named Companion of the Order of Canada in 1996. In 1997 she was awarded the prestigious Molson Prize. Her paintings are featured in many prominent public, corporate, and private collections, including those of the National Gallery, the Art Gallery of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Canada House in England. She is also an honorary member of the Society of Canadian Artists.

The *Award* will be presented to an artist, for work which is of outstanding quality and which reveals a breath of emotion, skill of craftsmanship and maturity that the artists brings to their work. A panel of three jurors will narrow the field of entries for this painting award from which Mary Pratt will select one finalist. The winner will receive a crystal bowl created by Nova Scotia Crystal and an additional cash award of a \$1,000.

The show also recognizes a second place prize of \$750, and four additional Awards of Merit of \$500 each. Award recipients will be announced at the show's opening reception on September 5th, 7pm.

About the Society of Canadian Artists - The Society of Canadian Artists is a national, non-profit artists' organization dedicated to expanding the visibility and stature of the visual arts. SCA has representation in all of the visual arts media. We respect our historical roots, are aware of our current world, and are future-minded.

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