

'Painted Stories' Bloom in Nursery

PAinT gallery shows the abstract, still lifes, and everything in between.

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Patches of snow on the ground, biting winds — it's that time of year again. Which means that once again plants, flowers, or still life paintings of both can be bought in one drive down River Road. Potomac Artists in Touch (PAinT) opened its biannual art gallery at Behnke's Nurseries on Saturday, Jan. 19. The current show, titled "Painted Stories," features oil and watercolor works by 12 Potomac artists, with a portion of all proceeds going to the Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

Icy roads and bitter cold didn't keep away those who turned out on Saturday, Jan. 19 for the PAinT opening at Behnke's Nurseries on River Road.

"We thought it was very successful," said Terri Cunningham, a PAinT artist who has works displayed at Behnke's. "We sold a number of paintings, but it was also an opportunity for people who collect us to preview the show."

PAinT is a group of Potomac artists that works to cultivate the visual arts in and around Potomac. The works featured at Behnke's vary from landscapes, to portraits and abstract works. Many of the artists featured in the current show display their works around the country and work around the world, said Cunningham, who is herself preparing for a trip to Florence, Italy.

"It's really a talented group," said Cunningham.

As is the case each year, the buyers at PAinT shows are both first-time and repeat customers.

"We have a lot of repeat buyers, it's amazing," Cunningham said.

One buyer bought five of Cunningham's works last year.

The show features a different charity each year — in the past proceeds have benefited rescue dogs and gone to organizations that fight autism, among other causes.



Photo by Robbie Hammer/The Almanac
Local artist Claire Howard carries one of her paintings that will be exhibited at the Behnke Nursery in Potomac.



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Terri Cunningham helps to hang artwork made by members of the Potomac Artists Group for an exhibition at the Behnke Nursery in Potomac.



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Oliver Borchert hangs
some paintings for an
exhibit in Potomac.



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The Potomac artists group
PAinT is sponsoring an
exhibition at the Behnke
Nursery in Potomac.

