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## New Art Exhibit by The Radford Recreation Center Watercolor Class & Book Signing

Glencoe Mansion is pleased to announce its new art show, "Watercolor Reflections," featuring the works of The Watercolor Class at the Radford Recreation Center. The show will be on display September 1 through October 29. There will be an opening reception Friday, September 8, from 5:30-7 pm.

The Radford Recreation Center offers watercolor classes to older citizens who are interested in learning something new and creative after a lifetime spent working and raising families. Since the start of these classes in 2010, classes have grown in numbers, attracting not just retired seniors, but younger people as well. Students range from beginners to life-long artists; they are taught step by step watercolor process, drawing and composition, and experimentation with various techniques.

Instructor Harriet Anderon says, "I am really proud of what my students have accomplished over the years. As a teacher and person who has always loved art, I can say that the thrill of seeing a completed painting, matted and framed, or even on a paper bag, never grows old. And I believe that my students' work is a tribute to the belief that we can be learners for all our lifetime with creativity yet to touch no matter what age we may be." With around 30 students showing their work in this exhibit, the class will also have prints, notecards, and bookmarks for sale during the exhibit, with all the proceeds kindly being donated to Glencoe Mansion.

The following day on Saturday, September 9, from 1:30-3 pm there will be a book signing featuring author Sally Grayson Chinn, designer Cindy Moore and illustrators Harriet Anderson and Carolyn Turner. Seth and the Secret of the Butterfly is a lovely children's book that reminds all of us that while we may have a disability, it doesn't mean that we do not have wonderful gifts within to share with the world. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the museum.

Glencoe Mansion is a great venue for seeing and sharing our great local artistic traditions. The Gallery also features a Gift Shop with works by many other local artisans. The site whole site is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, from 1-4 pm.