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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS
*MARK-IT! ARTISTS FROM THE NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR
THE ARTS MARK 09 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM,*
FROM SEPTEMBER 13 - OCTOBER 29, 2010 ON THE EASTERN CAMPUS**

Riverhead, NY - The Lyceum Gallery located on the Eastern Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Riverhead will present, *MARK-IT! Artists from the New York Foundation for the Arts Mark 09 Professional Development Program*, from September 13 through October 29, 2010. A reception will be held on Thursday, September 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; the artists will speak about their work beginning at 5:00 p.m.

How does an artist make his or her “mark,” both figuratively and literally? The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) seeks to answer that question for artists navigating today’s art market. In 2009, NYFA selected a group of Long Island artists, with compelling artistic vision and a commitment to promoting their work, for a statewide, professional development program called NYFA Mark 09.

Independent curator, Beth Giles visited the studios of the Long Island NYFA Mark 09 artists and designed *MARK-IT!, Artists from the New York Foundation for the Arts Mark 09 Professional Development Program*. This exhibit serves as an example of professional development techniques gleaned from the NYFA Mark 09 program in its thoughtful presentation, accompanying literature, and artists’ reception where the twelve artists will each speak briefly about their work and lead an open discussion about professional development for fine artists.

The twelve NYFA Mark 09 artists whose work will be featured in the exhibit are: painters Anne Raymond (East Hampton), Doug Reina (Stony Brook), Robert Carioscia (Sag Harbor), Elizabeth Malunowicz (Sag Harbor), and Margery Gosnell-Qua (Remsenburg); photographers JoAnne Dumas (Wading River), Pat Patterson Hauck (Wading River), and Meryl Spiegel (East Quogue); installation artist Beth Giacommo (Patchogue); ceramic artist Jennifer Gioe Peper (Huntington); printmaker Rosamaria Eisler (Ridge); and weaver Pamela Topham (Sag Harbor).

Directions to the Eastern Campus: Take the Long Island Expressway to exit 70. Take Country Road 111 four miles to Country Road 51. Turn left toward Riverhead and go north on 51. After 3.5 miles, turn right onto Speonk-Riverhead Road to the campus entrance on the right.

For gallery hours, please call 631-548-2559.



Photo Caption: *Aqueous Colors* (16 x 22 in., digital photography) by JoAnne Dumas is one of the many works that will be on display at Suffolk County Community College's Eastern Campus from September 13 through October 29, 2010 for the *MARK IT! Exhibit*. (Additional photos are available upon request.)

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling approximately 25,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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