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Singular Vision

September 5 – 28, 2008

Julie Girardini Ken Girardini Susan Klebanoff Joan Konkel

Opening Reception: Friday, September 5, 6-9pm
Artists' Talk: Saturday, September 6, 3-5pm

"Arts on Foot" Penn Quarter Open House: Saturday, September 13, 11am-5pm

Washington, DC – August 15, 2008 – The outstanding artists in this show create art that stands out, inspired by their singular vision that moves them to manipulate material, color, light and viewer perception. Working in three dimensions with canvas, metal, tapestry materials and mixed-media, Susan Klebanoff, Joan Konkel, and Julie and Ken Girardini stamp their pieces with unmatched individuality, which brings them together in this exhibition at Zenith Gallery. All told, they've shown their work at Zenith for years and in galleries, museums, and public and private collections across the US and around the globe. Don't miss this one.



Julie Girardini has been working as an artist for 18 years, using cold rolled steel as her primary medium, adding glass, paper, other metals, and imagery to evoke emotion. Throughout her career, she has made furniture and functional art for the home as well as decorative sculptured pieces, which have been displayed at American Craft Council shows in Baltimore, Atlanta, St. Paul and San Francisco. Girardini has also shown her work at the Washington Fine Craft Show since 1994 and at craft and fine art shows in St. Louis, Philadelphia

and beyond, as well as in galleries and collections, including the American Embassy in Canada and the International Craft Collection. *Book Boat 10" x 54" x 8"*

Ken Girardini has enjoyed a dual career for part of his life, overlapping 35 years as a successful artist with service in the US Air Force as an officer and a data analyst with Computer Sciences Corporation. Since 1989, he has worked solely as an artist, creating functional steel design and furniture for the home as well as steel sculpture, patina and photography on steel and aluminum and oil painting. Girardini has shown his work at American Craft Councils and in select art galleries across the US.



Safety Instructions 20" x 44"



Phoenix 72" x 48" x 9"

Susan Klebanoff's beautiful artworks loom large as lyrically woven pieces characterized by sculptural elements that interact with color and light. Klebanoff has exhibited her work in Russia, Japan, Israel, Norway, Canada, China and she most recently won the "Outstanding Award" at the International Biannual Exhibition in China. Her tapestries are in public and private collections, including the Museum of Modern Art in Nagoya, Japan; IBM headquarters, MD; Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines; British Petroleum; Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico and too many other to mention.

Black Jack Jenny 48" x 108" x 5"



Joan Konkel transforms commonplace materials into intriguing works of art that play tricks on the eye with color and light, based on the angle you view them. Layering aluminum sheet metal, acrylic and mesh on canvas, Konkel works from a sculptor's point of view, creating low-and sunken- relief art that is abstract and architectural. As light dances through her layering, her work takes on luminosity and illusions of deeper space. Konkel has exhibited her works at the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, through the State Department's Art in Embassies program, and in galleries in Washington, Philadelphia and New York. Konkel's works are held in private and corporate collections in the south, mid-Atlantic and mid-west regions.

Address: Zenith Gallery, 413 Seventh Street NW, Washington DC 20004
Metro: Red/Yellow/Green to Verizon Center or Yellow/Blue to Navy Memorial

Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 11am-6pm, Saturday: 11am-7pm, Sunday: noon-5pm

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Now in our 30th anniversary year, Zenith is recognized for breaking new ground with a dynamic mix of contemporary artworks that stimulate, engage and amaze. A member of the Art Dealers Association of Greater Washington, Zenith places art by established and emerging talent in public, residential and corporate collections.

The Wall Julie & Ken Girardini 72" x 72" x 16"