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Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center Hosts “Biocoenosis: Nature Art in Watercolor and Ink” Exhibit

New exhibit features renderings of wildlife in watercolor and ink

Albany, NY – The Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center is proud to host a new exhibit, “Biocoenosis: Nature Art in Watercolor and Ink,” by Elizabeth Quandt. The exhibit features artwork inspired by Quandt’s interest in nature and places beyond our shores.

Exhibit visitors can view captivating renderings of wildlife creatures from buffalos, to foxes, to polar bears, to deer. Each animal is accented by native flora and fauna to the creature’s habitat. The art exhibit journeys all over the world with pieces inspired by destinations such as California, Colorado, Alaska, Wyoming, to Sweden, Tibet, Scotland, and more.

“I’ve long been fascinated with the wide diversity of habitats within the United States, from the frigid arctic to the heat of the south. I wanted to pay tribute to several of the places that interest me most, by highlighting species that interact in each natural community (in other words ‘biocoenosis’),” says artist Elizabeth Quandt. “This led me to further fascinating studies of each habitat and expanded across the Atlantic, to incorporate wild areas beyond our shores.”

Elizabeth Quandt is a local hobbyist artist working mainly in watercolor and ink, with a strong fascination of nature. Her professional work experience is primarily in animal care, specifically the veterinary field and wildlife rehabilitation.

“I am constantly inspired to ‘capture’ the natural work around me,” says Elizabeth Quandt. “While this exhibit mainly highlights my interests in west coast nature and places beyond our shores, much of my inspiration has roots in my personal observations at home in the Mohawk Valley.”

Elizabeth Quandt’s “Biocoenosis: Nature Art in Watercolor and Ink” will be on display at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, located at 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, now through June 29. The artwork on display is available for purchase. The price is \$75 per framed painting or \$275 for a set of four paintings.

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