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“Women’s Work” on display at Summit Artspace

(Akron) – “Women’s Work,” an exhibition of art created by four outstanding, local painters, will be on display at Summit Artspace January 24–February 28. The featured artists are Barbara Gillette, Linda Hutchinson, Laura Wagner and Linda Tompkin. The public is invited to a meet-the-artists reception Friday, January 23 from 5-7 pm.

Gillette, who lives in Wadsworth, often incorporates visual commentary on the environment and loss of rural green space in her striking landscapes created in soft pastel. Award-winning, Kent artist Linda Hutchinson *is an accomplished portrait artist, whose expressive paintings and drawings reflect her earlier studies in music, language, poetry, dance and psychology.* Cuyahoga Falls artist Laura Wagner, a young, emerging abstract painter, incorporates mixed media and collage into her work. Linda Tompkin of Copley Township is a realist painter who works primarily in oils and acrylics and often uses vibrant colors, strong value contrasts and intricately designed shapes into still life paintings.

“It is truly exciting to present a show featuring these outstanding women artists who have such strong talents and diverse aesthetic points of view,” said Jessie Raynor, Akron Area Arts Alliance director. “It is a great way to start out a new year of exhibitions.”

Summit Artspace, a project of the Arts Alliance in cooperation with Summit County government, is located in a historic downtown Akron building at 140 E. Market Street, one block east of the Akron Art Museum. It is dedicated to displaying local art and presents seven exhibitions per year. Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday noon to 5 pm. Admission and parking are free.

The Akron Area Arts Alliance is a non-profit advocacy group. Its membership includes 45 arts and culture organizations plus 80 individuals. Summit Artspace Gallery is supported by the Akron Community Foundation, Welty Family Foundation and Ohio Arts Council.

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