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**Ed Merrell Gallery Opening at the
Hannah Grimes Center on September 27**

KEENE, NH - The Hannah Grimes Center invites the community to view the paintings of local Jaffrey artist Ed Merrell. Merrell paints in oils in a realistic manner and finds inspiration in the environment of the Monadnock region. Merrell will host a opening on Thursday, September 27 from 5:00p.m.until 7:00p.m at the Hannah Grimes Center located at 25 Roxbury St., Suite C, Keene.

Merrell has studied under Beda Zel Angle in NJ in classic fashion. He has also studied with Alex Farquarson and Mary Iselin at the Sharon Arts Center for several years. Merrell has exhibited at the Keene Art Association at the Colony Mill Marketplace, Sharon Arts Gallery, Peterborough and Jaffrey Community Centers and the Jaffrey Library.

The opening will feature a reception with the artist. Appetizers, wine, and other refreshments will be provided for guests. Merrell's show will be on display at the Hannah Grimes Center in September and October. It features a collection of oil paintings created in a realistic manner incorporating the beauty of the Monadnock region.

"I'd like to thank Hannah Grimes for the opportunity to display my work. As you will see at my exhibit and on my website, I like to copy old masters, particularly Vermeer who was ahead of his time. There is much to be learned from copying, but I personalize them by adding a still life to the composition. I derive great satisfaction from realistically painting what I see and feel," says Merrell.

The following paintings will be exhibited and for sale at the opening: 1) After Vermeer's Milk Maid, 2) Barn Interior, 3) After Copley's Paul Revere, 4) After Homer's Gulf Stream, 5) After Michaelangelo's Lybian Sybal with still life, 6) After Thomas Eakin's Max Schmidt, 7) After Copley's Ox Bow with still life, 8) After St. John in the Wilderness with still life, 9) After Millet's Angelus with still life, 10) Amos Fortune Gothic, 11) All the King's Men, 12) Bye the Sea, 13) And Apple Pie, 14) Cock of the Walk, 15) Birds of the Orient, and 16) Portsmouth Morning. Images and information about Merrell's paintings are located at <http://edward-merrell.artistwebsites.com>. Merrell can be contacted at 603-532-8738 and main10@myfairpoint.net.

"The Hannah Grimes Center is honored to present the paintings of local artist Ed Merrell. Ed is multitalented. He also serves as a SCORE counselor and it is nice to see a different dimension of him. The center's office space was designed to feature works of local artists and it is exciting to see them benefitting from this opportunity," said Mary Ann Kristiansen, Executive Director, Hannah Grimes Center.

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About the Hannah Grimes Center: The Hannah Grimes Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Its mission is to educate, support and assist in the successful development of entrepreneurs and community builders throughout the Monadnock region. Their success supports the Hannah Grimes Center's broader vision of a sustainable thriving local economy and vibrant community built upon the region's heritage, culture, natural resources, and the civic-minded entrepreneurial spirit of its people.

To achieve its mission, the Hannah Grimes Center offers a wide range of business development programs and a Business Incubator Program through the Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship; organizational development programs and supportive small-space offices for nonprofit organizations through the Hannah Grimes Center for Nonprofits; and the Hannah Grimes Marketplace, a dynamic retail store with an exclusive focus on local products to help build local businesses and connect those businesses to regional consumers.

The newly-renovated Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship offers its wall space free of charge to area artisans wanting display space. The 18-office space in downtown Keene has 25 picture rails installed and features a full kitchen in which we encourage visiting artists to host a gallery opening during their two-month exhibit. The Hannah Grimes Center also compiles a bi-monthly e-newsletter for artists and provides specialized workshops and programs for artists. Hannah Grimes Marketplace provides a year-round market, support and resources to local artisans and farmers.

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