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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Holiday Gift Show & Sale**

**(ICAD), International Center For Artistic Development, Inc. presents its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Show and Sale at Historic Savage Mill on December 4 through 31, 2009. The Opening Reception will be held Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 2PM to 4PM in the ICAD Art Studio & Gallery on the Mezzanine level of the New Weave Building. On display in the gallery will be beautiful and unique one-of-a-kind works of art by Sherry Burton Ways, Eljay McBride, and Michelle Lisenbee, Timothy Handy, Pontella Mason, John McGee, Clare Roberts, Francheska Shepherd, and Camellia Blackwell Taffel. The artists will talk about their artwork to the public during the free and open to the public reception.**

**SHERRY BURTON WAYS** is a doll artist who enjoys working intuitively creating one of a kind cloth art dolls. Her inspirations come from her travels to other countries and her work as a professional interior designer.

**ELJAY MCBRIDE** is an illustrator and fine art painter who is well known for his delightful social and cultural ethnic commentary paintings. He has won numerous awards for his musicians and genre paintings and has participated in numerous exhibitions.

**MICHELLE LISENBEE** is a mixed media collage artist who creates highly textured colorful collages grounded in American memorabilia. Her artworks make lovely framed wall displays.

**JOHN MC GEE** is a woodworker and master framer who collaborates with West African traditional woodcarvers in the production of eloquently framed ebony woodcarvings in recessed shadow boxes.

**TIMOTHY HANDY** is a local landscape and seascape photographer who photographs nature at various times of the day.

**PONTELLA MASON**, a graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art's Hoffberger School of Painting, is a well-known muralist and painter who has won numerous commission awards for his work in the Baltimore Metropolitan area.

**CLARE ROBERTS** is a realistic landscape and still life painter who studied painting at the Boston School of Fine Arts.

**FRANCHESKA SHEPERD** is a poet who writes prose and frames her prose poems in attractive frames for decorative purposes.

**CAMELLIA BLACKWELL** is an international mixed media artist whose art works are inspired by travel and nature. She is a printmaker, painter, photographer, restoration artist & teacher.

The ICAD gallery hours are Wednesdays through Sundays from 12 Noon to 6PM. Other hours are available by appointment. For further information visit the ICAD website at: <http://www.icadev.org> or call 301-604-4484. Individuals and tour groups are welcome to visit the gallery and see the show as well as other works on display by ICAD artists.