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Paintings by Carol Flaitz on Display through April in Visitors Center

The Downing Park Planning Committee is pleased to present an exhibit featuring the work of artist Carol Flaitz at the Visitors Center throughout April.

Flaitz, a painter, merges bright color with bold design to create paintings that sing with energy. Using a combination of pastels, watercolor, and gouache, and her pure, vibrant colors, she is able to build exciting landscapes and florals rich in surface texture.



“The goal of my artwork is to sculpt a two-dimensional surface with color planes

thereby representing the three dimensional world around me,” she explained. “Even though the surface I may be working on is flat, as the values and intensities of colors push and pull the viewer’s eye from one plane to another, visual tensions are constructed.”

Flaitz grew up in Alfred, N.Y., where her art education started early. At age 10, she began taking lessons from Catherine Nelson, a student of Hans Hoffman. Flaitz became intrigued with their approach to painting. Painting on a flat plane and being able to

“sculpt the two-dimensional surface with light, color and geometric form fascinated me, and became a part of my approach to painting,” she said.

She attended the Fashion Institute of Technology where she majored in Display and Exhibit Design. In 1983, she earned a BFA from Alfred University and, in 1986, an M.A. degree from the South Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education in Cardiff, Wales.

After a hiatus of 15 years spent raising and home schooling her children, Flaitz was happily able to return to painting. Her work has been exhibited locally as well as in Alfred, New York City, London, and Cardiff, Wales, and is in private collections in those regions. The current exhibit represents a cross section of her work.

This exhibit will be on view from April 1-29 at the Visitors Center Gallery, located in the Shelter House in Downing Park, at Carpenter Avenue and Third Street, Newburgh. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. There will be an opening reception on Sunday, April 1 from 3-5 p.m. The public is invited to come and meet the artist that day. For information call 845-565-5559.