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***Second Annual Permanent Collection Competition at The Rescue Mission:
30 Roanoke and New River Valley works of art selected as Finalists***

Roanoke, VA – The Permanent Collection Competition at the Rescue Mission provides a unique opportunity for local artists' work to be enjoyed and appreciated by homeless families. The Permanent Collection is sponsored jointly by **The League of Roanoke Artists** (contact – Nancy Stellhorn), **The Blacksburg Regional Art Association** (contact – Leslye Bloom) and **The Rescue Mission**.

The Second Annual Permanent Collection Competition Finalists and winners* are:

*Lee Penny Baker ~ Pat Bevan ~ Leslye Bloom ~ Linda Bostic Smith
Nancy Brown ~ Mary Buck Bryant ~ Carole Davis ~ Julie English* ~ Carol Frye
Jane Haddad ~ Julie Hamilton ~ Betty Hancock Bright* ~ Christy Mackie
Darcy Meeker ~ Larry Mitchell* ~ Sally Mook* ~ Bebe Onasoga
Martha Rhodes* ~ Monica Schlagetter ~ Joyce Waller ~ Dave Wertz* ~ Pam Woods*

24 local artists submitted 55 works to the Permanent Collection Competition of which 30 works by 22 artists were selected as Finalists. **Charles Goolsby, Art Department Head at Emory & Henry University** is serving as Curator of the Permanent Collection.

With primary interests in painting and printmaking, Professor Goolsby is an acclaimed artist with a zeal for art that is expressed both on the canvas and in the classroom. He has received fellowships from the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, the Vermont Studio Center and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. In addition, he was awarded a residency at the Atlantic Center for the Arts and worked as an associate with internationally acclaimed artist Donald Sultan. *Oxford American Magazine* featured a full-page color reproduction of an oil painting by Goolsby in its Fall 2005 issue on Southern Art and Architecture. Since 1980, his work has been featured in more than 40 solo exhibitions at art centers, museums, colleges and universities throughout the southeastern United States.

Winners were announced on Sunday, April 22 at 2pm at the Rescue Mission at the Permanent Collection Artist Awards Reception. Winning artists donate their works for The Permanent Collection. These pieces will be displayed at the Rescue Mission, highlighted on the Rescue Mission's web site and recognized publicly on the Permanent Collection Plaque at the Rescue Mission. Works not chosen for the Permanent Collection may be available for sale directly from the artist. The exhibit continues through June 1, 2007 at the Rescue Mission.

For more information on The Permanent Collection at the Rescue Mission or how art enriches lives for families in crisis at the Rescue Mission, call 540-777-7687.

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