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**“A WATERCOLOR GARDEN” ART OPENING  
WORKS BY SOUTH BRISTOL ARTIST MAUDE OLSEN  
AT  
SENIOR SPECTRUM’S COASTAL COMMUNITY CENTER**



**Damariscotta, Maine – February 16, 2007:** Senior Spectrum, *your path to living well*, is pleased to announce the opening of “***A Watercolor Garden***” featuring the works of well-known South Bristol artist Maude Olsen. Her artistic works reflecting the promise of spring to the full bloom of summer gardens are depicted in the exuberant medium of watercolor. Maude hopes that her artwork sparks “a sense of pleasure and a desire to walk right into a spring or summer garden.” The public is invited to attend the opening reception in the Overlook Gallery at the Coastal Community Center, 521 Main Street in Damariscotta on Tuesday, March 20 from 4 pm – 6 pm

Although born in the Philippines and having lived many places, Maude Olsen is the quintessential New Englander. She has lived in Maine for over thirty years and on Rutherford Island, South Bristol, for the last twenty of them. There is nowhere else she would rather be.

Maude Olsen studied art at Penn State and the National Academy in New York City. As an artist and calligrapher, collector of quotes and vistas, her work reflects a background in natural science as well as poetry, both heard and spoken. Watercolor is her medium of choice for it best expresses the enthusiasm of nature without spelling out all of the details. The brush is the preferred tool to keep the calligraphy flowing freely. Most of Maude's work is done from a combination of observation, imagination, memory and notes. Words intrigue, the brush explores and explains: together they make music for the eyes.

Maude's work has been exhibited in Japan, Australia, at the Smithsonian and widely across the United States. Two of Maude's sepia watercolors were included in the 73rd annual International exhibition of The Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington, D.C. She is an elected member of the American Artists Professional League, the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club and the Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society. She is a Life-Fellow of the American Artists Professional League and a longtime teacher of watercolor, drawing and calligraphy in the Midcoast area. Maude was on the faculty of The Farnsworth Museum for 22 years, held classes in Adult Education and continues to teach privately. She may be reached at her home gallery or through the Coastal Community Center.

Senior Spectrum's Overlook Galley located in the Coastal Community Center, 521 Main Street in Damariscotta, is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM – 3 PM. Maude's Watercolor Garden will be on display through the end of April. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Center's Health and Wellness Programs – Audio Visual Fund. For more information and directions please call 563-1363.

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