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New Art in Parking Places Exhibit at Maritime Garage Gallery Physiology of Inspiration - Begins September 6

Norwalk, CT (August, 2012) - - The Norwalk Parking Authority's Art in Parking Places presents *Physiology of Inspiration*, the second in the Senses of SoNo series of exhibits at the Maritime Garage Gallery. **An opening reception will be held Wednesday September 6th from 5:00-7:00pm at the Gallery, 11 North Water Street.** The event is free and open to the public. The show runs until November 30th.

The *Senses of SoNo* series of exhibits include works in all media on a variation of the traditional five senses: sight=urban elements, smell=food, touch=music, taste= fashion, hear (sound)=Long Island Sound. The *Physiology of Inspiration* exhibit features works by artists Barbara Campbell, Ken Delmar, Ralph DiMarco, Paul Hitchen, Fran Meehan, Loren DePalma, Jim Inzero, Joan Melnick, Debra Schaffer, Alissa Siegal, as well as Irina Simenova from the SoNo School of Fashion.

Curator Sooo-z Mastropietro says the selected artists' works resonate the theme of the five senses through their interpretation of a thriving urban environment. "The show's inspiration is the fresh energy of an urban nucleus, and we can clearly see that in Barbara Campbell's contemporary mixed media visions of the Long Island Sound, for instance. Or Joan Melnick's vibrant coral structures through mixed media applications and compositions." The Maritime Garage Gallery is a collaboration between the Norwalk Parking Authority and the Norwalk Arts Commission in an effort to support art in public spaces. The gallery is free and open to the public from 9:00am -5:00pm daily. For more information call 203- 831-9063, or e-mail: <u>maritimegallery@norwalkpark.org</u>.

The Norwalk Parking Authority is a financially self-sustaining organization responsible for the operation and maintenance of the municipal parking system in Norwalk. It is not financed by taxpayer dollars. The Authority is committed to collaborating with community organizations while providing exceptional customer service to parking customers. The Norwalk Parking Authority can be reached at (203) 831-9063 or at the website: <u>www.norwalkpark.org</u>

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