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“Abstraction in Color” by Mary Kay Holladay Sandler Center Gallery hosts new Fine Art exhibition

(VIRGINIA BEACH, VA) – January 24, 2012 — Mary Kay Holladay, the latest artist to be featured in the Sandler Center Art Gallery, is now proud to call herself a full-time, professional artist after enjoying art primarily as a hobby before leaving her occupation as a medical technologist. She has been included in numerous juried exhibitions, private and corporate collections, won several awards and, recently, earned a spot as the cover artist of the Chesapeake Bay Art Association's "Artistry in the Kitchen" cookbook.

Her art style began as representational but has recently switched to abstract and contemporary work with watercolors and acrylics. She likes bright colors and textures as well as using the landscapes, cityscapes, and flowers of Virginia Beach as subject matter.

Even after periods away from art, she found herself being pulled back time and time again and, eventually, came to realize painting gave a sense of freedom she never felt during her professional life. Her children are now grown and have their own lives and responsibilities, so she is able to give full focus to enjoying and creating art. For more information on Mary Kay Holladay's work, please visit www.artbymarykay.com

The Art of Mary Kay Holladay will be on view from January 25 through March 12, 2013 during the Sandler Center's normal operating hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday: 10am-2pm or during any performance at the Sandler Center. The Sandler Center for the Performing Arts Gallery is located on the second and third floors in the common areas of the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts

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