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Mount Mary College Marian Gallery Opens Janet Roberts Exhibit

*“Unlikely Muses” features fashion-inspired paintings, fashion props,
and pieces combining images with vintage fabric and wallpaper*

MILWAUKEE (May 26, 2010) “Unlikely Muses,” a new exhibit featuring paintings by Janet Roberts will be on display June 6 – July 9, 2010 in Mount Mary College’s Marian Art Gallery. An artists’ reception will take place Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gallery located on the first floor of Caroline Hall on the College campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Robert’s exhibit will consist of approximately 40 paintings including many new pieces that have not been shown before. Inspired by Mount Mary’s fashion and design program, Roberts created still-life paintings that feature mannequins, masks and costumes. The title of the show, “Unlikely Muses,” refers to quirky objects that appear in some of the still-lives and that served as the impetus for the resulting paintings. Several of these are included in the exhibit – a few of the costumes and other props used in the actual set up for the paintings will be displayed next to them.

“I suppose I am creating a small drama – setting a stage – which is static but has the possibility to become richer and deeper with contemplation,” states Roberts. She describes her collages as a way to combine her love of and fascination with antiques, old photographs and letters, with painting. She pulls all of these elements together into creating what she describes as “a one act play.”

View photos from the exhibit at

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/23481546@N06/sets/72157624016773845/>.

More information about the Milwaukee artist can be found at www.janetmroberts.com.

Marian Gallery is located on the first floor of Caroline Hall at 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway and is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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