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## **Beauty Art Gallery Launches "Nature & Nurture" Sept. 4th**

### **Leander Fontaine and Georganna Lenssen Paintings Wow**

Newtown Square, PA – August 11, 2014 – The paintings of respected Delaware Valley artists Leander Fontaine and Georganna Lenssen comprise Beauty Art Gallery's exhibit "Nature & Nurture" which is set to open September 4, 2014. The public is invited to meet both artists at the opening reception Saturday, September 6, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The exhibit and sale continues through September 27.

While Lenssen's works burst with color and texture, Fontaine's Sumi-e brush paintings in ink communicate gesture and spirit with a few dark strokes. "Their works complement each other, and together tell a strong story about nature in art, whether a horse, a bird, a bull, or a bouquet of flowers," says Beauty's owner Paula Farley Jackson.



"Farm," 15x15" by Georganna Lenssen.

Visit Beauty's website for additional information: [www.beautyartgallery.net/](http://www.beautyartgallery.net/).

### **About Georganna Lenssen**

Georganna Lenssen is a popular teacher at Wayne Art Center, teaching both direct & spontaneous painting and figure painting. Born in Korea, Lenssen has been exposed to Asian art all her life. Such exposure has imbued in her a reverence for nature and the vitality of its direct, spontaneous use of brush and ink. "In my paintings, I try to incorporate these qualities, focusing on gesture and movement as they express the essence and vitality of the subject," she says. Lenssen holds a certificate in painting from The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Villanova University. Her work was featured recently in art exhibits at the Rosenfeld Gallery in Philadelphia and The Red Raven Art Company in Lancaster. Lenssen lives in Chester County with her husband, her German Shephard Gringo and six cats.

### **About Leander Fontaine**

This exhibition of Leander Fontaine’s work includes his drawings of creatures (horses and others) and his “Leanderthals”, paintings with dark subjects on light-colored, structured ground.

Common to these works is that color is used sparingly (oligochrome works) or that they are in black and white (monochrome). This is because Fontaine does not want color to distract from the essence of what he portrays, whether it is animals or fantasy compositions.

“I enjoy drawing in a very energetic and impulsive manner, which makes animals and fantasy creatures my favorite subjects, says Fontaine. “In these drawings, I use black ink (sumi, acrylic and other inks) on drawing papers or rice paper. The ink is applied with fountain pens, reed pens, and brushes, and is sometimes simply splattered onto the surface. The animal drawings are not anatomy studies but show my impression (and expression) of the animals' overall gestalt or energy. For this reason, I keep them sketchy, abstract or distort them, and often let ink flow out of complete control - allowing the subject to develop some life on its own,” says Fontaine.

Fontaine lives in Chester County with his wife, and an assortment of beloved animals, including Buddy, their horse.



“Horse,” 17x16” by Leander Fontaine.



## About Beauty

**Beauty Art Gallery** specializes in art, artful gifts and décor for the home. Learn more at [www.beautyartgallery.net](http://www.beautyartgallery.net) or [www.facebook.com/beautyartgallery](https://www.facebook.com/beautyartgallery). For exhibition information, contact Paula Jackson @ 610-353-4569. Location: 3857 Providence Rd, Newtown Square, PA 19073 (just off West Chester Pike next to YBH Volkswagen Audi in Edgmont).

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