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**ARTIST JUDITH GWYN BROWN TO PARTICIPATE
IN GREENWICH ARTS COUNCIL'S "ART TO THE AVENUE 2010"**

Ten paintings and drawings to be exhibited at Sophia's, May 6 - 31

New York, NY (April 27, 2010) – New York artist Judith Gwyn Brown will be showing ten of her paintings and drawings May 6 – 31 at Sophia's in Greenwich, Conn., during "Art to the Avenue 2010," the Greenwich Arts Council's annual spring celebration. Sophia Scarpelli, owner of the eclectic shop at 1 Liberty Way that bears her name, will be hosting a reception to introduce Brown and new contemporary artist Siri Kent, on Thursday, May 6, from 5:30 – 9 p.m., as part of the "Art to the Avenue" opening night festivities.

"Art to the Avenue" turns Greenwich into a strolling art gallery that brings contemporary artists to downtown store windows through the month of May. This year will be the biggest "Art to the Avenue" ever, with 160 artists exhibiting in 150 locations. All art is for sale by calling The Greenwich Arts Council, 203-862-6750.

Brown is a renowned painter of men and women moving through the light, space and the shadows of intimate and mysterious settings. Her paintings and drawings are in permanent collections of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and The Morgan Library in New York; The Boston Public Library; The Huntington Library in California, and university collections across the country.

Among the original framed oil paintings that Brown will exhibit at Sophia's are "Sunlight in the Studio," "In the Studio with Cherry Blossoms," "Under the Sea," "Fountain in the Park" and "Skyline in the Elevator." She also will offer two of Scarpelli's favorite black-and-white works, "In the Elevator" and "At the River Walk." Prices range from \$525 to \$4,500, with 30 percent of the proceeds benefiting The Greenwich Arts Council.

"We are thrilled to showcase the works of Judith Gwyn Brown and Siri Kent at Sophia's in May," said Scarpelli. "I love how Judith employs depth and perspective to entice the viewer and how each picture tells a story. I believe having her paintings and drawings here will be a visual feast for our customers, and I truly hope that we're able to support the work of The Greenwich Arts Council in an extraordinary way."

For maps and directions to "Art to the Avenue," please visit www.greenwicharts.org. Additional background on Judith Gwyn Brown can be found at www.judithgwynbrown.com.

About Judith Gwyn Brown

Judith Gwyn Brown is a distinguished artist and illustrator. She has illustrated more than 40 books, publishing with Harper, Doubleday, Atheneum, Scribner, Houghton Mifflin and Random House, etc. and has written and illustrated six books for children. The New York Public Library has presented her work in a one-person show. Her work also is represented in the permanent collections of many prominent universities, libraries and New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as the private collections of Author Mary Higgins Clark and Actress Julie Andrews, among others. Brown studied at Manhattan's High School of Music and Art, Parsons The New School for Design, and The Cooper Union. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts from New York University and has been listed in *Who's Who of American Art and Contemporary Authors*. Please visit www.judithgwynbrown.com for an artist's statement and more information.

About Sophia's

Sophia's started more than 28 years ago in Greenwich, Conn., as a vintage clothing and antiques shop. It has grown in both scope and reputation to be the premier place to shop for costumes and accessories. Along with a huge costume selection, Sophia's has amassed a giant collection of authentic vintage apparel available for rent to discriminating customers requiring the ultimate in authenticity and style. Shoppers also will find a beautiful collection of antiques, vintage jewelry, candles, one-of-a-kind gifts and a spectacular selection of ornaments and decorative pieces from around the world. For more information, please visit www.sophiascostumes.com.

About The Greenwich Arts Council

The Greenwich Arts Council promotes the arts by nurturing artists and building audiences, bringing the arts to the community and the community to the arts. The goal of The Greenwich Arts Council is to encourage individual creativity and to broaden community participation in, appreciation of, and support for the visual, performing and literary arts. To support The Greenwich Arts Council or for more information on "Art to the Avenue" and upcoming events, please visit www.greenwicharts.org.

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