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**PURCELLVILLE ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES ARTWORK EXHIBIT
BY PENNY HAUFFE**

PURCELLVILLE, VA. February 3, 2016 - The first in a series of 3-month long art exhibits in Purcellville's Town Hall features the works of local artist Penny Hauffe. The show runs from the beginning of January to the end of March 2016. The first floor corridors of Town Hall now have a gallery-level hanging system which creates an opportunity for local artists to exhibit their work.

Born in Namibia, Penny Hauffe was educated in England (Oxford University/Gemini School of Illustration). She traveled the world before making her home in Western Loudoun. She is inspired by all that is around her in the natural world. Penny's works demonstrate a tremendous use of color - they can range from playful illustrations to landscapes and images incorporating ethereal elements of nature. An accomplished painter, sculptor, muralist, illustrator and teacher, Penny's work in Purcellville's Town Hall shows the diversity in her style and medium.

A Meet-The-Artist reception will take place in Purcellville's Town Hall on Wednesday, February 10th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The public is welcome to join Penny Hauffe and the Purcellville Arts Council in a celebration of Penny's work. The show may otherwise be seen according to regular Town Hall office hours (Mon - Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm except holidays).

Art exhibits are booked through the beginning of 2017 with the Arts Council accepting submissions for future shows to be decided on by an outside jury. Please send inquiries to the attention of Melanie Scoggins at mscoggins@purcellvilleva.gov.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,300 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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