**NEWS RELEASE — Salem County Art League**

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**SALEM COUNTY ART LEAGUE OPENS NEW ART EXHIBIT AT GRAYSTONE CAFE**

Salem County Art League will open it’s “Winter/Spring Membership Exhibit” at the Graystone Cafe in Pennsville on Wednesday, March 7. The exhibit will highlight the artwork of featured artist, Pat Acton, as well as assorted SCAL members’ artwork and photography. The exhibit will be on view from March 7 to May 1. Everyone is invited to stop in to see the exhibit during the Cafe’s regular hours of operation ([www.facebook.com/GraystoneCafe](http://www.graystonecafe.com)).

Patricia Acton, an abstract painter, mixed media artist, and photographer, resides with her husband, John, in Sewell, New Jersey. Patricia is a self-taught artist who has worked intuitively to develop her own style. Her work has been featured in many galleries in New Hope and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and North Carolina. Her artwork can also be found hanging in many private collections around the region. Patricia has been known to step outside the box with her bright abstract acrylics, use of metals, antique papers and found objects in her mixed media pieces and by mixing her photography with textures and watercolor.  Her ‘*Old Smokey*’ placed first in Millville’s, Shades of Black and White and her ‘*Porch Swing*’ was picked to be a Holiday Card for Philadelphia’s, Gift of Life Family House, an affiliate of Gift of Life Donor Program. Her ‘*Red Rockers*’ was published in the Suburban Family Magazine where she was featured as one of the “Budding Artists” of South Jersey. Currently, you can find her photography hanging in Blue Plate, Mullica Hill and her abstract acrylics in The Vintner’s Wife, Woodstown, NJ. Recently retired, she looks forward to enjoying much of her time creating new artwork.

More of Patricia’s artwork can be viewed on her website: www.pbgaCreativeImages.smugmug.com

This exhibit is part of the rotating exhibit collaboration between SCAL and the Graystone Cafe that has existed since the Cafe opened. This display is part of SCAL’s mission to increase public awareness of the fine arts and to promote the skills and talents of artists in our area. More information about the Salem County Art League is available on its website, www.salemcountyartleague.org.