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## **Good News Café to Exhibit Paintings Donated to Flanders Auction**

**WOODBURY** - Artworks to be auctioned at the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "Four Seasons of Flanders" benefit will be exhibited at Carol Peck's Good News Café from September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 20<sup>th</sup>. A preview reception, open to the public, will be held **Sunday, September 21, from 3 to 5 p.m.** at the restaurant located at 694 Main Street in Woodbury, Connecticut. Approximately 20 paintings by highly regarded area artists will be exhibited. Anyone interested in placing a sealed bid on an exhibited painting will have the opportunity to do so before the auction.

The signature work of art at this year's auction is a painting created by Robert Crawford titled *Flanders, 3 a.m.* A renowned painter and illustrator, Crawford works for publishers, Fortune 500 companies, and advertising clients. Crawford's paintings have been exhibited in the U.S., Japan, and Germany, and are in many public and private collections. He works from his studio in Woodbury.

The fund-raiser for Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust will be held on Saturday, October 25 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Southbury. It begins with a silent auction and a live auction follows dinner. Show Biz Duo will provide musical entertainment throughout the evening. Other auction items will include antiques, vacation packages, jewelry, custom furniture and many donated services.

The benefit supports Flanders' land conservation and environmental education programs. Through its land trust initiatives, Flanders actively works to protect important natural sites and the area's landscape character and quality of life. Flanders manages nearly 2,000 acres of conserved land in Woodbury and neighboring towns. Educational programs for children and adults are offered at the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary, Flanders' main campus, in Woodbury. Trails at its major nature preserves are open to the public at no charge from dawn to dusk. Flanders' Welcome Center is located at the corner of Church Hill and Flanders Roads, three miles north of Route 6 in Woodbury.

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