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**Painting and photography by women artists featured at
Smith-Berry Winery Amyx Gallery**

New Castle, Kentucky – The work of Kentuckians Nana Lampton and photographer Susan Seiller will be featured in a free exhibit opening May 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Smith-Berry Winery in New Castle (Henry County) Kentucky.

Nana Lampton, chair and CEO of American Life and Accident Insurance Company, will show plein air watercolors and studio-rendered oil paintings, including scenes of Kentucky countryside and her recent trip to the Galapagos Islands.

“En plein air” describes the painting of real life outdoors, which “challenges artists to concentrate every sensory nerve on the information in front them. . . then channel those feelings from head to hand, re-creating the vision in paints on paper or canvas,” according to the Plein Air Painters of America.

Susan Seiller, former owner of Jack Fry’s restaurant in Louisville, works most often with 35 mm camera and film, creating black and white, silver gelatin prints in her darkroom.

Initially, she says, she didn’t approach the show with any theme in mind. But the prints she chose, including abstract, portraiture and landscapes, eventually emerged as a theme about interconnectedness. In addition, the close to 40 pieces will be displayed “in an interconnected grid form,” says Seiller, “like a Scrabble board or a crossword puzzle.”

The opening is free and open to the public. Smith-Berry Special Reserve wines will be opened for tasting and bottles will be available for sale; hors d’oeuvres will be provided, and David Charlton will play acoustic guitar.

The show closes July 12.

Find directions to the winery and more information at www.smithberrywinery.com.

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