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**Connoisseur Fine Arts, Inc Presents Inaugural Solo Artist Exhibition
Modern Day Tonalist with Pastel Artist Anna Wainright**

(October 20, 2015) Bedminster, NJ - Connoisseur Fine Arts, Inc., a gallery located in Bedminster, NJ, presents *Modern Day Tonalist*, its first ever solo exhibition featuring twenty works in pastel and oil by New Jersey artist Anna Wainright. Known for her atmospheric and serene landscapes, Wainright uses soft pastels that appear to dance across the canvas allowing form and space to blend together creating Impressionist themed paintings.

Modern Day Tonalist is free to the public and opens on November 6 with an artist reception from 5 pm to 8pm, and runs through November 28, 2015. Located at 2493 Lamington Road, Connoisseur Fine Arts, Inc, is open from Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 3:30 pm. All works showcased in *Modern Day Tonalist* will be on sale.

Connoisseur Gallery holds on average six First Fridays yearly showcasing local artists works and its early 19th century collection. This is the first time they are exhibiting one living artist's paintings.

"Anna Wainright's exhibition complements our gallery, a perfect backdrop of old antique art with her palette that uses subdued hues and tonal colors; her pastel paintings remind me of John Henry Twachtman works with a modern flair," remarked Tracy Pollock, partner and resident artist of Connoisseur Gallery, which also provides professional restoration for public and private collections, and custom framing. The gallery also buys, sells and handles consignments.

Wainright is influenced by both contemporary and historic artists from pastelists and mentors Brooke Allison, Richard McKinley, Stan Sperlak and late Marge Levine to Impressionist artists of John Singer Sargent, JMW Turner, George Inness, and James Whistler, to name a few. Wainright is a self taught artist who began painting seriously in 2006 and pursued art full-time after raising her family and leaving the workforce to

pursue her passion. She has a BA in Urban Studies, Rutgers University, and an AA in Graphic Design, Brookdale Community College.

Signature membership in the Pastel Society of America, Pastel Society of New Jersey, Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod, Pastel Society of Tampa Bay, Emeritus and Master Circle member of the International Association of Pastel Societies, IAPS. Wainright received inclusion in the Pastel Journal's Pastel 100 in 2011, 2014, 2015 and 2016; the Pastel Society of America's Butler Museum exhibition in 2013; and the President's Award of the Connecticut Pastel Society in 2014.

Anna Wainright's works can be seen at the Artful Deposit in Bordentown, NJ, the Essex and Sussex Gallery in Spring Lake, NJ, and at the Modern Day Tonalist exhibition at the Connoisseur Gallery in Bedminster, NJ.

The public is welcomed to enjoy First Fridays at Connoisseur gallery and delight in local delicacies. Upcoming First Fridays include **November 6, 2015** - *Modern Day Tonalist* ; **December 4, 2015** for the Holiday Show, featuring artists Nick Savides - Contemporary American Realist Painter from Brooklyn, New York, New Jersey artist Susan Blubaugh, Tracy Pollock, Dave Thompson, Anna Wainright, PSA, Robert Waltsak, Fran Wood and Rhoda Yanow, along with samplings from the Gallery Collection, and small works of Lee W. Hughes.

The Connoisseur Fine Arts, Inc. is located at 2493 Lamington Road, Bedminster, NJ, 07921. Artist Tracy Pollock can be reached at 908-375-8385 or by email at connoisseur@cfineart.com, and on facebook at The Connoisseur Gallery, Inc. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/...Connoisseur...Inc/154114954629185>

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About the Connoisseur Gallery:

The Connoisseur was founded 44 years ago in Bernardsville, NJ by Phil Fico, now celebrating its 47th year in Bedminster, NJ. We represent contemporary artists Rhoda Yanow, PSA., Anna Wainright, PSA., Nick Savides, Tracy Pollock and Susan Blubaugh. With a history specializing in 19th – early 20th century American art. The gallery provides professional restoration for public and private collections as well as individual works and custom framing. The Connoisseur Gallery buys, sells and handles consignments.