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A VILLAGE STEEPED IN ARTISTIC TRADITION

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – Annual Yellow Springs Art Show Takes Place in Historic Village

On April 25 the Annual Yellow Springs Art Show and Sale will mark its 36th year of continuous operation. What started as a humble clothesline show that sold two paintings in 1973 has grown to the area's most prestigious show of its type. It is fitting that the village of Yellow Springs should play host to such an event, as art has been an integral part its heritage for nearly a century.

In 1917 the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts recognized the painterly beauty of Chester County and, following fine arts schools of Europe, opened the Country School in the village where students could work directly in the landscapes they were painting and drawing rather than in the studio. Until 1952 when the Country School closed, aspiring artists, many who went on to national and international fame, came to the village to study under some of America's best known artists of the time.

When a group of local citizens organized Historic Yellow Springs (HYS) in 1974, the birth of Chester Springs Studio soon followed in 1978 and art returned to the village. Chester Springs Studio and HYS are again one organization and the tradition continues today.

In addition to a quality show with more than 170 professional artists working in oils, watercolors, pastels and ink there will be exceptional three-dimensional pieces as well. Augmenting this year's show will be several activities that involve the audience. *Art Quest for Kids* will run throughout the length of the show and will encourage young viewers to search for clues hidden in the paintings as they sharpen their observational skills and vie for prizes. In the lobby of the Lincoln Building, the special exhibit *Images of Yellow Springs* will display works that depict the village of Yellow Springs throughout the show.

The Arts of Yellow Springs will be a one day arts immersion program on Tuesday May 5 for adults with lectures, hands-on art experiences, a box lunch, showing of the Country School video, tour of Painted Sites Trail and guided tour of the galleries. Limited to 20 adults, this is an opportunity to fully understand the role the village of Yellow Springs continues to play in America's art scene.

The 36th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show and Sale is open free to the public from April 25 through May 10 with show hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays. For complete details call (610) 827-7414 or visit online at www.yellowsprings.org. ###

Historic Yellow Springs (PO Box 62, 1685 Art School Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the visual arts, environment, and the village's 275-year old history. The mission of Historic Yellow Springs is to share, preserve, and celebrate the unique living village of Yellow Springs. Focusing on history, arts, education and the environment, HYS enriches the lives of all who come here.