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Local Artist, Linda Dallas, Helping to Feed the Hungry in North Carolina

On Friday, February 25, Raleigh artist and illustrator Linda Dallas will collect non-perishable food for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina during the artist reception for her latest exhibit entitled “Local Produce”. The reception will take place at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center from 6 – 8 pm, and the exhibit will run from February 25 through March 21.

The exhibition represents a delicious array of watercolor paintings inspired by community gardens and urban farms. Dallas has combined her love of patterns, the luminosity of watercolor and the lushness of gouache to celebrate food. She draws inspiration from the beauty of ordinary objects. “I create these still life paintings to sustain my wonder of the beautiful foods that grace my table every day,” shared Dallas.

Recently Dallas was selected as one of the artists for ART-ON-THE-MOVE 2011. This competition, sponsored by the Raleigh Arts Commission and Capital Area Transit, invites local artists to submit original designs to be displayed on Capital Area Transit buses for a period of six months.

Non-perishable food such as canned meat, vegetables, and fruit can be dropped off during the reception. The Page-Walker Arts & History Center is located at 119 Ambassador Loop in downtown Cary.

Linda Dallas grew up in Detroit, Michigan. She has a Bachelor of Science from Howard University and a Master of Product Design from North Carolina State University. She has taught drawing, illustration, design fundamentals and watercolor workshops at schools and art centers across North Carolina including NC State University, Meredith College, and Artspace. For twelve years, Linda developed exhibits for Exploris (now Marbles) museum in downtown Raleigh, and participated on project teams that traveled to Senegal, Tanzania, and the Netherlands. In 2008, she was the recipient of a United Arts Regional Artist Project Grant. Dallas is featured in the 2008 – 2010 Traveling Artist Directory. She currently teaches art classes at Saint Augustine’s College.

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