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The Reason for the Seasons Art Exhibition
at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Exhibition runs Dec. 6, 2018 - March 31, 2019 with opening reception on Dec. 6



“Demeter in Summer” by Lenore Tolegian Hughes

Santa Barbara, Calif., Oct. 3, 2018 – The [Santa Barbara Botanic Garden](#) is pleased to announce an upcoming exhibition of artworks by local artist Lenore Tolegian Hughes in its **Pritzlaff Conservation Center Gallery at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105** from **December 6, 2018-March 31, 2018**.

Through her artworks, Hughes tells the story of *The Reason for the Seasons* as described in Greek mythology. Hughes illustrates the power of love—its ecstasy and its pain—in an exhibition of visual art based on the love of Demeter, the goddess of agriculture and harvest, for her daughter, Persephone. Demeter’s love brings on fall and winter when Persephone descends to Hades for half the year, and spring and summer when she returns. The relation of the goddess’s love to the seasons is depicted in a series of watercolor portraits in which the ecstatic faces of mother and daughter morph into and intertwine with the delights of spring and summer and their agonized

faces become one with the loss that is fall and winter. The exhibition will also include a collection of lush and saturated watercolor collages of florals capturing the mood of spring and summer.

Hughes' work designing the Children's Maze and Wooded Dell at the Garden, combined with her fascination with mythology, inspired this dynamic exhibit of watercolors and collages. All art work is for sale with 40 percent of proceeds to benefit the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

Access to the Pritzlaff Conservation Center Gallery is free with paid Garden admission. The Garden is open to visitors from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, guests have the opportunity to meet the artist in the Pritzlaff Conservation Center Gallery for an opening reception. Light refreshments will be served. RSVPs required at sbbg.org or by calling (805) 682-4726, ext. 102.

MEDIA ADVISORY-FOR DAY OF COVERAGE

- WHAT:** *The Reasons for the Seasons* exhibition opening reception
- WHO:** Local artist Lenore Tolegian Hughes, Garden guests, Garden staff
- WHERE:** Pritzlaff Conservation Center Gallery at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105
- WHEN:** Thursday, Dec. 6 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
- CONTACT:** Flannery Hill, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Marketing & Membership Manager, (805) 682-4726, ext. 132.

About Lenore Tolegian Hughes

Hughes works in a wide spectrum of mediums, including watercolor collages and paper weavings. Her signature paper collages weave together contemporary secular images with the divine, illuminating a fresh, and sometimes new, understanding of the meaning of life. For more information, visit lenorehughes.com.

About the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden conserves and promotes California native plants through our gardens, research, and education, and serves as a model for sustainability. Founded in 1926, the Garden is the first botanic garden focused exclusively on California native plants and currently spans 78 acres with five miles of walking trails, a herbarium, seed bank, research labs, library, nursery, and gift shop. For more information about the Garden, please visit sbbg.org.

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