

Artist to visit vineyard

Award-winning nature artist Sally Ellington Middleton will visit Lu Mil Vineyard in Dublin Saturday, January 28 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. for a print signing and art sale.

Kevulaar Custom Framing of Elizabethtown and Lu Mil Vineyard will co-sponsor the event which will include a wine tasting.

Middleton's watercolor portrayals of the nature world, the woods, ,wildlife, flowers, fields, beaches and the North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains have attracted the eyes of collectors for more than 30 years.

During the 70's and 80's, Middleton was considered one of the top wildlife watercolor artist in the nation.

Though the 79 year old artist is now retired, her works can be found in museums including Gibbs Art Museum in Charleston, Mint Museum in Charlotte, Magnolia Gardens in Charleston as well as Village Galleries in Ashville.

Perhaps it is her eye for detail and her colorful stories of her subjects which makes Middleton's work so appealing As a child Middleton spent many hours in the unspoiled forest of the North Carolina Mountains near her home in Ashville.

Often he father would explain what they saw as if it were a fairy tale. Several years ago, Middleton explained to one interviewer, "I paint what I see and I want others to see it. I always put a little surprise in my paintings, a bug, a lizard. If you sit and watch the woods it comes alive with creatures. I see it and I want people who see my work to see it." Look for it in each of her paintings.

For directions to the event telephone Kevulaar Custom Framing at 872-0202 or Lu Mil Vineyard at 866-5819.

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