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MAY 6-17: BICENTENNIAL ART EXHIBITION CELEBRATES 200 YEARS OF ALABAMA HISTORY IN TOWN OF PIKE ROAD
EXPERIENCE HISTORY THROUGH THE ARTS AT THE FREE, PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND MAY 7 ART SALE & RECEPTION

Pike Road, ALA – The Town of Pike Road is excited to welcome the “Alabama, Then & Now” Traveling Bicentennial Art Exhibition (The Exhibition) to the Mezzanine at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) May 6 – 17. This exhibition is officially endorsed by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. The Exhibition will be open to the public for viewing in the Mezzanine at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) beginning Monday, May 6. The community is invited to visit from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, as well as from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

“Alabama, Then & Now” is a commemorative and educational exhibition featuring 30 original paintings depicting historical landmarks, architecture, landscapes, and more. All paintings were created by members of the Alabama Plein Air Artists (APAA), who gather monthly around the state to paint en plein air (French for “in the open air”): outdoors, from life. The Exhibition began in October 2018 and has since visited destinations across Alabama on its way to the Town of Pike Road. Many paintings featured in The Exhibition are for sale, but, if purchased, they may not be taken home until the Exhibition tour ends in November. For Alabama art available on-purchase, find the perfect piece for your home or office at the 5x7 Art Show & Sale on May 7.

The Pike Road Arts Council will host a reception for the exhibition on Tuesday, May 7th from 5-7 p.m. at Pike Road Town Hall. The reception will include the 5x7 Art Show & Sale, for which artists across Alabama have been invited to create 5x7-inch pieces that will be available for only \$57 each. The reception and 5x7 Art Show & Sale are both free to attend and open to the public. A portion of proceeds from the 5x7 Art Show & Sale will benefit the Pike Road Arts Council. Refreshments will be provided by Epicurean Delights, the local caterer whose delicate dishes were featured in the Pike Road Arts Council’s 2018-2019 Art Talk & Afternoon Tea series.

“There is always room for small artwork in a home or office,” said Patty Payne, Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator. “Small paintings are the perfect solution to treating narrow halls, blank walls, and places that need a pop of color. May 7 is your chance to find your own Made-in-Alabama masterpiece and support the arts in our hometown.”

“The roots of the Pike Road community run deep. We have an amazing community that has developed its local character in many ways that are similar to how the State of Alabama has developed its unique character. We have people who exhibit determination and generously contribute to their hometown. We love our town and our state,” said Gordon Stone, Mayor of the Town of Pike Road. “We are honored by this opportunity to bring people together in celebration of the Alabama Bicentennial through an exhibition of Alabama art.”

The exhibition and reception are presented by the APAA in partnership with the Pike Road Arts Council, an ENHANCE initiative committee. Thank you to the artists, APAA, and Arts Council volunteers for bringing this great event to the Pike Road area.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Turner Waddell at (334) 495-4109 or (864) 958-6577 or by emailing Turner@pikeroad.us.

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