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**Press Release** 

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## Renovated Art Gallery at Pennswood Village Features Inaugural Exhibition by Philadelphia Artist Earl B. Lewis

Wine & Cheese Exhibition Opening to Take Place on Sunday, November 6 -- Open to the Public



October 25, 2011. Newtown, PA: The Pennswood Art Gallery will host a wine and cheese art opening and reception on Sunday, November 6, featuring watercolors by nationally renowned Philadelphia artist <u>Earl B. Lewis</u>, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The newly renovated Pennswood Art Gallery is located in Pennswood Village, a continuing Care Retirement Community, at 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road, in Newtown, PA.

The reception, and exhibition, are free and open to the public. The show runs through January 8, 2012, and is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Pennswood Art Gallery, which has been exhibiting artists for over 28 years including such famous names as Tony Leith-Ross, Daniel Garber, and more recently Daniel Anthonisen, Paul King, Rachel Constantine, and Jon Redmond among others, is located in the Pennswood Village Community Building on Route 413 South of the Newtown Bypass, adjacent to the George School campus.

Lewis, who teaches at Philadelphia's University of the Arts, exhibits regularly in galleries in Philadelphia, Charleston, and Santa Fe and has illustrated more than 30 books for children. His book illustrations have won Coretta Scott King illustration awards for three consecutive years, were chosen as a Notable Book for the Language Arts, and most recently, the book, *Coming on Home Soon*, was awarded the Randolph Caldecott honor. His work bridges the world of fine art and illustration and is collected nationally, including the University of Minnesota which purchased a series of original paintings from Lewis' first 25 children's books.



Lewis' work conveys a sense of depth, shadow and light, pattern and texture through sharp, crisp brushwork. He says, "Art gets you thinking and questioning. It's not about making your wall prettier. Art can start conversations.... evoke emotion.... touch the heart."

The renovated Pennswood Art Gallery features 20% more running feet of wall-hanging space, beautiful flooring and a perimeter outlined by a string of directional spot lights to highlight each work hung. The Art Gallery renovation is part of a full renovation of the Pennswood Community Building, to be completed in January, 2012.

For further information contact Pennswood Village at 215-504-1122 or info@pennswood.org.

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Pennswood Village is a nationally respected continuing care retirement community for those 65 and older. Home to more than 450 residents in Newtown, Pennsylvania, the Friends retirement community is accredited by the prestigious national organization Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF-CCAC). Residents enjoy full Type A Life Care Contracts that provide the highest level of service and unlimited access to health care with no substantial increases in monthly payments. The community's Quaker values enrich resident's lives through diversity, welcoming women and men of all races, colors, religions, national origins, and sexual orientations.

For more information, visit <u>www.pennswood.org</u>, e-mail <u>info@pennswood.org</u>, or call 215-504-1118.