**LINDEN STREET GALLERY**
**SUMMER STAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**
Presents Ming Lee – <u>Painting for a Colorful Life</u>
**September 24, 2022 – April 10, 2023**

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Boylston, MA— The Linden Street Gallery at Summer Star Wildlife Sanctuary presents its latest art exhibit by Ming Lee— <u>Painting for a Colorful Life</u>.  The exhibit opens on September 24, 2022 and will be on view until April 10, 2023.

Deeply connected to literature and art, Lee's sentimental mind observes nature and captures the poetry and beauty in life. The traditional Chinese art form of integration of poetry and painting embeds poetic soul into her art work. She applies Western painting concepts in her Chinese painting pieces to generate a uniquely timeless painting style that is inspired by nature. Her works are collected by the Ontario Chinese Artists Association, the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, and various private collectors.

Ming Lee was born in Taiwan, she resides in Toronto, Canada. Ming Lee is the vice president of the Jia-Guo Artists Association, as well as an advisor to the Ontario Chinese Artists Association. She holds a Master's degree in Chinese Literature from the National Cheng-Chi University. Lee's love for art started at a very young age. During her leisure time in Taiwan, she studied traditional Chinese painting for over 20 years. Since moving to Toronto in 2001, she started oil painting and dedicated herself to art. She held her personal art exhibitions in Toronto in 2006 and 2008, while also participating in various joint exhibitions with other artists. Her work "The girl playing Pipa" was selected as one of the finalists in the 2008 NTDTV Chinese International Figure Painting Competition.

The mission of the Linden Street Gallery is to instill an appreciation for the reflective and contemplative experiences of nature by engaging its visitors through gallery exhibits.  The Gallery nourishes the spirit by celebrating the interdependencies between humans and the natural environment.  Nestled in forty-five acres of forest, the Linden Street Gallery is located within the four-time award winning LEED Gold Trailhead House of Summer Star Wildlife Sanctuary at 690 Linden Street, Boylston, Massachusetts. Among other distinguished awards, Trailhead House was awarded the U.S. Green Building Council of Massachusetts Green Building of the Year Award in 2015.  The wildlife sanctuary protects wetland and woodland habitats that provide homes for all wildlife, and there is a 1.5-mile trail loop for outdoor exploration.  The sanctuary honors nature through wildlife protection, art exhibitions focusing on nature, outdoor tours, educational programs, and wildlife releases in collaboration with the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.  The Linden Street Gallery within the Trailhead House is open Saturday through Tuesday 11:00 am–3:00 pm.  Public health and safety guidelines must be adhered to at all times.  The sanctuary's trails are open Saturday through Tuesday from dawn to 3:30 pm during the winter and from dawn to dusk the rest of the year for human guests. Limited parking is available at Summer Star Wildlife Sanctuary during the hours trails are open.  Admission to Summer Star Wildlife Sanctuary is free.

"**<u>Orchid in the Moon Light</u>**"

"On the serene mountain top, against a coating of the frost; there is an orchid, unfolding her fragrance of blossom;
Alone, standing beautifully in elegance; she separated herself, away from the rest of the busy world;
The river, quiet; sun has already called the day; unnoticed, the misty mountain air approaching, like a dream;
Abandoned the worldly prosperity, long time ago; her only wish, is to be here;
When suddenly, the full moon rises; let the moonlight shine, and breeze soften; her home would be caressed in delicacy."

——the poem is translated by Shalin Liu, Founder of Summer Star Wildlife Sanctuary, 2022

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The Spirit of Plum Blossom