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NEWS from the CWC

"Inspired Landscapes" on view at CWC office

MARGARETVILLE, March 1, 2011 – "Inspired Landscapes," an exhibition of oil paintings by George Ballantine of Andes, is on view through April 29 at the offices of the Catskill Watershed Corporation, 905 Main Street, Margaretville.

The exhibit can be seen weekdays from 8 to 4:30.

George Ballantine describes his work as "poems in paint." A native of Andes, his fascination with the Catskills runs deep: many of his ancestors lived and worked in Andes and the landscapes on exhibit at the CWC depict the farm fields, woods and streams surrounding Andes in various seasons and light.

He studied art at the Art Students League in New York City, as well as voice at Julliard. Ballantine's work has also been exhibited in Saint Thomas, New Mexico, New York City, and in various locations in upstate New York, as well as at 61 Main Street Gallery in Andes. The work on view at the CWC was created over the past two years by the 89-year-old artist.

Besides painting and sculpting in clay and wood, Ballantine has also devoted his artist's spirit and craft to sculpting earth. He created what is now called Ballantine Park, a public park in the hamlet of Andes. With its streamside path, stone benches and plantings of specimen trees, he shaped a place of serene beauty on a two-acre site containing the ruins of an abandoned grist mill.

He earned a living for many years building roads, ponds, and helping to construct other sites in the area, including the Pepacton Reservoir of the New York City water system.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information, go to www.cwconline.org, or call toll-free 877-928-7433; or 845-586-1400