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**Thomas S. Buechner
Recent Works
Opening Reception Friday June, 15 2007 5:30-7:30
Show runs through July, 6 2007**

Thomas S. Buechner could be described as a painter's painter. After an illustrious career as a museum administrator and director at the Brooklyn Museum, Steuben Glass, and the Corning Glass Works, Buechner has devoted the last two decades to his life-long passion of painting. Born in New York City in 1926, Buechner attended the Lawrenceville School, Princeton University, the Ecole des Beaux Arts, and the Art Students League. Significantly, he studied Old Masters techniques in Amsterdam with M.M.van Dantzig. This reverence for classical technique is a hallmark of Buechner's work.

Buechner's lush and loving touch illuminates each elegant genre of his work. Landscapes of barns near his home in Corning, New York are solitary sentinels speaking for a forgotten past. Still lifes explore and extol the depth of luminosity in humble vegetables, fruit and flowers while sometimes highlighting humorous and human characteristics, often referenced in the titles of his works. Buechner's portraits are hauntingly beautiful, exquisite psychological studies paying homage to the great portrait painters of the past while celebrating the subject. Working directly from observation, Buechner says "...it is in the intellectual and emotional response, the conscious and subconscious associations of the artist, that the potential power of painting lies."

Thomas S. Buechner's goal has always been "to become a better painter" - a deceptively simple statement which has been his ultimate pursuit. Now revered as an elder statesman of his craft, Buechner's work is in the collections of major museums such as the Metropolitan Museum, the Brooklyn Museum and the National Museum of American Art. Collectors and galleries around the world celebrate this prolific master.

This exhibition will feature over 40 works from each of Buechner's genres and will prove to be a delight to everyone. The Gallery is located at 210 Thames Street, Newport 02840 and has regular hours Monday- Friday 9:30- 5:30 and Sunday from 11:00- 5:00, with extended evening hours in the summer season. Please contact the gallery with any questions 1.800.352.2234