

CHADDS FORD

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JUNXION

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Artist - Vicki Vinton | Gallery - Somerville Manning | Designer - Sue Alivio (R) Stagecoach Home Design | Homeowner - Kara Hyman (L) | Photo by Karen Pollak

a month with an artist

VICKI VINTON

IN THE HYMAN HOME

Placed by Stagecoach Designs + Somerville Manning Gallery

By resident, Lele Galer

Artist John Suplee once said that the highest compliment ever paid to him was when a collector said that his painting would be the first thing that they would grab if their house were on fire. Original art enriches a home aesthetically, adds energy and vitality, is a point of pride and makes a house a living and breathing home. Serendipitously the title of the first painting chosen for A Month with an Artist is Chester County artist Vicki Vinton's "Breath," selected by the renowned Somerville Manning Gallery in Greenville Delaware, and coordinated and placed by Chadds Ford interior designer Sue Alivio.

Each month *Chadds Ford JunXion* pairs a work of local art with a different home in the community. For our first ever Month with an Artist, we asked for the experts at Somerville Manning Gallery in Greenville, Delaware to help us select the perfect painting for over the mantle at the home of the Hyman's, of Chadds Ford. Vickie Manning, the owner of Somerville Manning Gallery, chose an abstract mixed media painting by local artist Vicki Vinton, entitled "Breath."

Somerville Manning Gallery specializes in 20th and 21st-century fine art and sculpture including artists from the Wyeth family, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art and the Brandywine School of Illustrators. While the gallery's impressive list of artists is primarily representational, contemporary realists, Somerville Manning shows expressionistic and abstract works as well. "Breath," by Chester County artist Vicki Vinton, is an abstract mixed media work that was chosen to complement Hyman's stone fireplace mantel. The orange rust color in the painting brings out the warm tones of the stone, and the grey rounded vertical shape pairs well with the vertical of the floor to ceiling stonework. Vicki Vinton's studio is located in Oxford, Pennsylvania and you can see more of her work at Somerville Manning Gallery, or online at www.vrvinton.com.

Local interior designer Sue Alivio coordinated the placement of "Breath" in the Hyman home. The owners are delighted with the painting in their home, and Sue Alivio said that the new work of art "creates a unique and sophisticated focal point from the kitchen, through to the family room." The Hyman's home is filled with original artwork, and this abstract work adds a cohesive artistic element that complements their entire collection. Sue Alivio explains "This home already has a strong aesthetic throughout the home and now the living room has a sense of elevated style with the installment of this painting."

Sue Alivio is a favorite Chester County interior designer, who owns Stagecoach Home Design in Chadds Ford. Sue worked seamlessly with the homeowner and Somerville Manning Gallery to bring just the right artistic touch for our very first "Month with an Artist" selected home. And after a month with the painting in their home, the result? "I never wanted a painting in that spot [over the fireplace], but after living with it and seeing it there, it was clearly the right fit," Kara reported. You know artwork is perfect for your home when it continues to sing to you long after you have placed it. The Hyman family was clearly sung to and have added Vicki Vinton's "Breath" to their collection.



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