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## Artist Known for Bold Watercolor Designs to Exhibit at Suffolk Center

The Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts will feature a gallery exhibition of the work of Blacksburg artist Charlotte Chan from Oct. 13 until Dec. 22.

The opening reception will be Thursday, Oct. 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

A self-taught artist, Charlotte Chan began experimenting in the arts 15 years ago, practicing painting and drawing with ink. With inspiration from her daughter and her mentor, Nadine Allen, Chan became involved with watercolors and acrylics as she began painting “Big Shapes and Big Colors,” a technique she learned from the many workshops she attended.

Currently, Chan resides in the Blacksburg area and is the Vice President of the Blacksburg Regional Art Association (BRAA). In 2016, she won multiple awards from the Virginia Watercolor Society using techniques similar to that of Georgia O’Keeffe.

Chan’s watercolor paintings have begun to be collected nationally and internationally throughout Virginia, Vancouver, California, Hong Kong, Japan and New Zealand. Her over-scaled original floral and landscape watercolor paintings portray an array of colors and show her love for flowering plants and landscapes.

Suffolk Center Gallery admission is free, and the works will remain on view through December 22, Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.