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CVNPA Opens “Stunted Growth” Art Exhibit at Seiberling Gallery

Peninsula, Ohio - Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) is proud to announce the opening of the art exhibit “Stunted Growth” by Elizabeth Maugans at the John F. Seiberling Gallery in the CVNPA Administrative Offices at 1403 West Hines Hill Road, Peninsula in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP).

The show, which runs through Dec. 15, 2006 with a reception on Oct. 14 from 6 - 8 p.m., features etchings, monoprints and oil paintings that capture the conflicting messages and frightening realities that flood modern childhood.

“The works seem good-natured initially and then creep in to waters of taboo and distrust,” said Maugans. The images, modeled on 1950s children’s books, are rearranged and reinterpreted to reflect modern ideals.

“The 1950s personify the ultimate era of perfection and idealism in their illustrations and renderings,” Maugans said. “It is easy to skew and contrast these images to today’s youthful archetypes: The Jon Benets and the Britany Spears.”

Elizabeth Maugans was born in Lakewood, Ohio. She received her B.F.A in printmaking from Kent State University in 1989 and her M.F.A. from Cranbrook Academy of Art. She is co-founder and artistic director of Zygote Press, a fine-art print studio and exhibit space located in the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood, and she teaches drawing at KSU. Her work has been exhibited at SPACES, The William Busta Gallery and The Beck Center (among others). She lives in Olmsted Township with her husband, John Bando, and her two children, Olivia and J.B.

CVNPA, in partnership with the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park, provides innovative education programs and fosters community awareness, support and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909.

CVNP covers 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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