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“A Kid At Heart”

Solo exhibit at the Casano Community Center Art Gallery Showcases Lynnor Bontigao’s Charming Children’s Illustrations

Through October 19, 2012

ROSELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY – September 3, 2012 - “A Kid At Heart”, solo exhibit of children’s Illustrations and photography by Roselle Park, New Jersey resident Lynnor Bontigao, through October 19, 2012. The Gallery is located in the Casano Community Center, 314 Chestnut St. Roselle Park, New Jersey. There will be a reception to meet the artist on Mon September 17, 2012, 6:30 – 8:00PM. The Casano Community Center and the Art Gallery hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Friday till 5 pm.

This is Lynnor Bontigao’s first solo exhibit. The collection includes illustrations for children’s books, and some amateur photography work mostly taken at one of her favorite NJ vacation spots, Cape May.

Bontigao graduated from the University of the Philippines with a Bachelor’s Degree in Fine Arts and majored in Visual Communication. She worked at McCann-Erickson Philippines as a graphic designer while freelancing on various commissioned projects such as: illustrations to promote an exhibit for the Philippine National Museum, textbook covers and line drawings, children’s book, character studies, and murals.

She is an alumni member of InK (Ilustrador ng Kabataan), a Philippine-based organization of children’s book illustrators. There, she fell in love with illustrating for children and contributed to the book “Water in the Ring of Fire”, a beautiful collection of stories from countries belonging

to the ASEAN summit. She has also had the privilege of participating in some of their exhibits. She is currently a member of SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators) and its Regional NJ chapter. She admires the works of Maurice Sendak, Leo & Dianne Dillon, Charles Santore, Susan Jeffers, and Jose Aruego among many illustrators.

In 1996, she moved to America to be with her family and later began a career in programming. She has been working as a full-time programmer for a major brokerage firm for more than 12 years but she never forgets her love of drawing. She also enjoys photography as a hobby. During this summer she gave free weekly art lessons to some neighborhood children (ages 7-14). She says, "This Saturday is the last day of class and their graduation. Doing that and the timing of this show brings up memories of the drawing days I miss so much. I must say that I have an extra skip in my step because of these events."

Bontigao resides in Roselle Park, NJ with her husband and two children. You can visit her website at www.lynnorbontigao.com

The Casano Community Center is located in downtown Roselle Park and is a gathering place for the whole Roselle Park community with programs for senior citizens during the day, and activities throughout the year for all ages. The mission of the Gallery is to give Roselle Park residents a venue to display their artistic works and connect with the community at large. The Art Gallery accepts work only from Roselle Park residents. Artwork must be 2 dimensional, no sculpture or jewelry will be accepted. You can contact Seufert at 908-241-5874 or through e-mail Beyond-Words@att.net.

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