

**CANINE PORTRAITS OF  
CONSTANCE PAYNE AT  
WILLIAM SECORD GALLERY**

William Secord Gallery will present a solo exhibition of twenty-five paintings, drawings and bronzes by Constance Payne. The exhibit, which runs from Feb. 11 to March 24 at the New York gallery, will feature portraits of sporting dogs and a variety of other canine subjects, including many rare breeds.

Payne, who resides in New York State, has spent years studying the exact pigments and mediums used by the early French Academic artists. Though dedicated to carrying on the 19th century traditions of the Animaliers, Payne has developed her own style in which she pays great attention to the anatomy and structure of her subjects.

Since 1985 Payne has had eight sold-out exhibitions and has completed hundreds of commissions, including canine portraits for the American Kennel Club and The Roycroft Inn, a historical landmark in East Aurora, New York.

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*New York State artist Constance Payne painted this oil-on-canvas of Elwood & Davey, Discoverly's English Setters in the Field.*

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**SOUTH TEXAS MUSEUM OPENS  
ULLBERG GALLERY**

Kent Ullberg, widely recognized as one of the world's leading wildlife sculptors, has been honored by the Art Museum of South Texas with the naming of the Kent Ullberg Gallery. The museum closed in July for major renovation, including the construction of a second building that will nearly double its size and allow more of its collection to be showcased.

Corpus Christi's American Bank, a major supporter of the museum, and its President, CEO and Chairman of the Board Al Jones, originally proposed the idea of naming the gallery after Ullberg. "Kent is highly respected here in Corpus Christi," said Jones. "He's the most outstanding artist we've had out of South Texas, bar none. This new gallery will bring even greater awareness to Kent's