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**MUSING ANTIQUES & INTERIORS LAUNCHES THE *HIBISCUS HULA* ART SHOW
Featuring 21 works by Hightstown Artist, Gwen Toma**

Friday, March 20th, 2009 (Hightstown, New Jersey) Musing Antiques & Interiors www.musingantiques.com announces the opening of Gwen Toma's inaugural art show, "Hibiscus Hula," which will run from April 4th through June 6th at its retail location at 137 Stockton Street, in downtown Hightstown, NJ. Opening artist reception will be on Saturday, April 4th at 2pm.

The first in a series of artist exhibitions at Musing Antiques, *Hibiscus Hula* consists of 21 works by Gwen Toma, created in colored pencil, pastel and oil pastel. Largely rooted in tropical and regional themes, the artist captures current and retro styles of Hawaiian and Floridian flowers, land- and seascapes and nature's bounty from the garden state. Palettes range from rich muted vintage shades to vibrant tones of red and magenta; turquoise and aqua marine; mossy, grassy and leafy greens, and chartreuse.

Big, bold and expressive hibiscus and bird of paradise flowers and, tranquil land- and seascapes dominate three tropical series. The artist pays tribute to her sensorial experiences in 17 drawings, including: *Royal Hawaiiana*, *Diamond Head Retro*, *Bird of Paradise Hula*, *Poipu Beach*, *Bali High* and *Bird of Paradise*. Toma takes a stylized approach to decorative tropical motifs of the 30's through 50's in: *Hibiscus Hula Dance*, *Palm Beach Retro*, *Palm Beach Pair* and *Violet Bloom*. Her inspiration from local and regional beauty is apparent in *Sagg Main Beach*, *Abundance* and *Pom-Pom Power*.

Gwen Toma is an artist and the president of Gwen Toma Home Holiday, LLC, a boutique marketing, design and product development consulting firm in Hightstown, NJ.

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