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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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Jack Benny Center for the Arts

## PRESS RELEASE

### Black and White and Paint All Over

(Waukegan, IL August 29, 2014) — WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT-CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION Black and White and Paint All Over features the art of a Waukegan husband and wife team of artists, Bradley and Mary Haas. Their collection includes black and white photography and paintings done on location around Waukegan, Illinois. An artist reception will be held on Thursday, September 4 at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts located at 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan, IL from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Bradley primarily works in black and white photography. He has been taking photographs ever since his grandfather gave him his first camera when he was 12 years old. He spent many hours with his grandfather learning how to take photographs. When creating his photographs, Bradley is driven by a desire to find an unusual viewpoint and an impulse to capture hidden longings flitting just below the surface of an ordinary life. Bradley can be found online at [ampersandprint.com](http://ampersandprint.com)

Mary primarily works in acrylic paint. This current collection is a series of paintings exploring the appearance of water in many places and forms and the spiritual quality water takes on as it interacts with light and the atmosphere around it. When not painting, Mary teaches art classes at the Waukegan Park District's Visual Arts Center. Mary can be found online at [maryhaas.com](http://maryhaas.com)

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Photos attached**



### **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 57 full-time and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.