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Loudoun County to Host “Happy Accidents: An Exhibit of Original Bob Ross Paintings”

Leesburg, Virginia – The Franklin Park Performing and Visual Arts Center in Purcellville, Virginia, is pleased to announce the first exhibit of original Bob Ross paintings on the East Coast. With a total of 24 paintings, the exhibit runs Sept. 10 to Oct. 15, 2019. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and the following weekends: Sept. 28-29, Oct. 5-6 and Oct. 12-13. Admission is free; however, daily tickets will be required and the number of daily admissions is limited. Tickets will be available



beginning Friday, Aug. 9, at www.franklinparkartscenter.org. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 15, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the reception is free and tickets are not required. The Franklin Park Arts Center is located at 36441 Blueridge View Lane, Purcellville, Virginia, 20132.

“Happy Accidents: An Exhibit of Original Bob Ross Paintings,” presented in partnership with Bob Ross Inc., offers a rare opportunity to view works created by the artist during his long-running series on public television, and represents the first time his collection will be on public display in an East Coast gallery. Ross started painting as a young man after he was transferred to Alaska while serving in the Air Force. Having been raised in Florida, he was immediately captivated by the snow, mountains and breathtaking nature scenes, all of which would become favorite features in his paintings.

Ross later returned to Florida, but he frequently visited the Bob Ross Inc. headquarters in Northern Virginia for business meetings. He enjoyed antiquing and often found himself in Purcellville, searching through the many antique treasures of western Loudoun. “It’s quite poetic that his first major exhibit would be in Purcellville,” says Bob Ross Inc. President Joan Kowalski.

The Franklin Park Arts Center is operated by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. For more exhibit information and tickets (starting Aug. 9), visit www.franklinparkartscenter.org. For information about the artist and Bob Ross Inc., visit www.bobross.com. Travelers planning to attend the exhibit can find information about local accommodations and attractions at www.visitloudoun.org. The hashtag, #BobRossExhibit, will be used for social media platforms.

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