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### **Creighton Farms Names Thomas Neel Artist-in-Residence**

**Aldie, Virginia – (December 14, 2011)** – As one of the Piedmont region’s most acclaimed and collected fine artists, Tom Neel enters his 24th year of both national and international fine art sales creating a new partnership with [Creighton Farms](#). Beginning with his first commissioned painting for the sales office in 2006, an exclusive agreement between Neel and Southworth Development’s CEO, David Southworth, will have Neel’s original oil paintings featured throughout much of the main floor of Creighton Farms’ newly completed clubhouse.

“As a collector of art I appreciate the talent and passion of Tom’s work. As a developer, I appreciate the beauty that he has contributed to our community and as an individual who is grateful in life, I appreciate the smiles and warmth Tom’s work affords everyone. Needless to say we are very proud to count Tom as a member of the Creighton Farms family”, said David Southworth, Southworth CEO.

Tom Neel says of Creighton Farms, “For me personally, what makes this relationship so special is the great sense of community it brings. Certainly I want members and guests to both enjoy my art and make it part of their home, but I also would like my art to reflect the exceptional lifestyle Creighton Farms offers.

To define Tom Neel’s work is to first look at his use of color, a fresh palette that makes you feel alive and there. Next is his subject matter, for he is constantly looking at the diversity of his surroundings, as he knows it is the emotional connection that creates interest and his composition is what keeps you there. He is not one to do the same thing over and over again. To see a body of his work is to truly see wide artistic diversity and vision - be it an intimate look at spring or the intensity of a humid summer day. Low morning fog across a meadow or the most dramatic sunsets and varied blues the Blue Ridge Mountains give us, are where he brings the viewer’s senses. Neel wants to do more than



just have you see what he sees, he wants you to experience it in a way you may never have thought you could.

Neel is not an award seeker, choosing rather to be judged only by those who covet his art. The late Nick Arundel, founder of the Times newspapers, Great Meadow in The Plains, VA., Friends of the National Zoo and co-founder of the Piedmont Environmental Council said, "He is one of the most important artists we have". Patrick O'Connell, owner/chef of The Inn At Little Washington, who has often commissioned Neel for his creative services, said of "Onward and Upward", The Inn's 30th anniversary painting Neel created, "It is the perfect visual image!". Richard Clarke, on air counter-terrorism consultant for ABC news, simply said of his commissioned painting by Neel, "You nailed it!"

Speaking of community, Tom Neel is a believer in giving back and the list of those who have raised thousands through his personal donation of art is a long one. Capital Care, The Hill School, The Middleburg Community Center, Middleburg Humane Foundation, Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, American Cancer Society, Care, Project Hope, The Barns at Rose Hill, Aldie Mill, Notre Dame Academy, Wakefield School and the list goes on.

Tom Neel is a member of The Oil Painters of America, a long standing judge of The Congressional Art Show which helps high school students in creative excellence and judge for The Loudoun Education Foundation. He is also a published poet and writer and his monthly column - The Artist's Perspective, can be found in The Middleburg Eccentric. There have been many articles featuring Tom Neel and his paintings such as The Piedmont Virginian, Elan Magazine, Home & Design and more.

We welcome you to experience the artwork of Tom Neel. [www.thomasneel.com](http://www.thomasneel.com)

### **Creighton Farms**

Creighton Farms is an exclusive residential golf community located in Virginia's prestigious Loudoun County. Situated just 30 miles west of Washington, D.C., Creighton Farms occupies 964 acres which includes the 18 stunning golf holes designed by the legendary Jack Nicklaus and a 181-estate home



gated community. The Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course here was recently named one of the 'Best New Courses in 2008' by *Golf Digest*, *Golfweek* and *Travel + Leisure Golf*—one of only two private courses in the world to be recognized by all three publications in 2008.

**About Southworth Development**

Southworth Development LLC is a privately held company specializing in the development of residential resort and hospitality-branded real estate communities. Founded by David Southworth, Southworth Development's expertise includes master-planned community development; real estate asset management; golf course construction management and resort and golf operations management.

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