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THE HUB ON CANALSM DONATES KEY PAINTING TO THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH IN CELEBRATION OF CITY'S 250th ANNIVERSARY

Feger's Seafood Market (circa 1960), Frank Ferrante Oil Painting, Depicts Iconic New Smyrna Beach Landmark

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla., January 3, 2018--City of New Smyrna Beach, FL and The Hub on Canal announced today the donation of Frank Ferrante's Oil Painting, *Feger's Seafood Market (circa 1960)* to be presented to the City of New Smyrna Beach on January 9, 2018 at the regular City Commission meeting. Ferrante, an award-winning Hub on Canal artist and teacher, chose this image, a well-known and treasured New Smyrna Beach historic landmark, to celebrate New Smyrna Beach's 250th Anniversary.

The 48" x 60" oil painting resulted from a desire by Frank Ferrante to create a gift of "historical significance" for the City of New Smyrna Beach and to present this gift on behalf of The Hub on Canal. Ferrante is an award-winning landscape and seascape oil painter, so it was natural that he would select Feger's Seafood Market as the topic for his painting. As part of his research for the project, Frank Ferrante spoke with many residents, family members, and local historians; many who had a personal story to tell about the market.

"I spoke with so many people who remembered the sight, and who in all cases, were very sad that it no longer exists," said Frank Ferrante. "I became more and more aware of the impact that this location had on so many residents of our city."

Frank Ferrante graduated from Rutgers University and The Newark College of Fine and Industrial Arts. He studied plein air and studio oil painting for over twenty years at the Ridgewood Art Institute with John Phillip Osborne. Frank has taught oil painting for the past

twenty years in community schools, universities and privately in his New Jersey studio. Ferrante is a current member of The Hub on Canal Board of Directors. He has also served on the board of directors at The Ridgewood Art Institute in New Jersey and the American Artists Professional League in New York.

“We are excited to receive this original artwork, a piece of our history to share, in our Commission Chambers,” said New Smyrna Beach City Manager, Pam Brancaccio.

The painting will be displayed in the City Hall Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach. The Hub on Canal will be producing 50 limited edition prints that will be for sale after its presentation to the City of New Smyrna Beach.

The City of New Smyrna Beach is an eclectic Atlantic coastal community with seven miles of shoreline, artists' havens', thriving business and community development. The local population of 25,000 enjoy living where the Boston Herald stated, "It's a spot where history meets the arts, where amazing food choices meet breathtaking scenery, and where all kinds of fun can be found." The City employs over 200 people and is governed by the commissioner-manager form of government. For more information www.cityofnbs.com or call City Hall (386) 410-2600.

Based in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. The Hub on Canal is a 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to creating community by fostering art, education and a broad range of creative opportunities. Open year round seven days a week, The Hub on Canal supports the local community by offering art exhibitions, dance and musical performances, educational classes and workshops, cultural events, and local community outreach programs. More than 70 regional and local artists make their home at The Hub on Canal, creating and exhibiting their work, collaborating with other artists, and selling their art to the many visitors and residents of the New Smyrna Beach area. The Hub on Canal community comes together through special events and extends the arts to the underserved and socially challenged through scholarship programs and art, wellness, and music classes. Since its opening in 2012, The Hub on Canal has served more than 170,000 visitors, helping to revitalize the local community and stimulate economic growth. For more information, visit the website at theHUBoncanal.org.

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