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Meet Apollo Astronaut Alan Bean, First Artist on Another World at The Greenwich Workshop Gallery in Seymour, CT

**Local gallery hosts Astronaut's booksigning and exhibits his fine art editions to
commemorate the 40th Anniversary of his Apollo 12 mission**

Seymour, CT, October 8, 2009 – On November 14, The Greenwich Workshop Gallery in Seymour will host Apollo astronaut and painter Alan Bean from 4pm to 6pm for a booksigning and exhibition of his artwork to mark the 40th anniversary of his Apollo 12 mission which launched on November 14, 1969. The gallery, located at 151 Main St., will exhibit an impressive collection of limited edition works depicting many of the Apollo missions. The gallery will be open on Friday, November 13 for preview and pre-orders from 2pm to 8pm, prior to Mr. Bean's appearance on Saturday, the 40th anniversary of his mission, when he will be available to sign his new book *Alan Bean: Painting Apollo, First Artist on Another World* and two fine art posters featuring his artwork. The gallery welcomes families and students to view this exhibition which will include archival photos, audio and video from Captain Bean's historic Apollo 12 mission. The Strand Theater next door will be showing, at no charge, the Apollo XII section of the documentary "From the Earth to the Moon" featuring Alan Bean from 3pm-6pm.

About Astronaut, Artist and Moonwalker Alan Bean

The Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. opened a one-man exhibition of Bean's work on July 16, 2009 that will hang until January 2010. The Greenwich Workshop Gallery in Seymour is the only Connecticut location where Fine Art Limited Editions of many of Alan Bean's paintings in the Washington D.C. exhibition can be seen. Astronaut Bean's art is a national treasure that celebrates the history we have made together as a nation. These paintings embody the spirit of our highest hopes and aspirations and that great American tradition that no dream is impossible.

Space exploration is one of our most valuable legacies to future generations. "The space program truly represents what is great with America," says artist Alan Bean. "When I was an astronaut I felt each day that I had accepted a responsibility to do the right thing professionally in everything that I did. I was not alone in this as I saw this 'right stuff' code everywhere. It was a good feeling to know that all those around me were dedicated to making our nation's space exploration effort as good as it could possibly be."

Bean captures his companions on Apollo 12, Pete Conrad Jim Irwin, as well as astronauts from other missions like Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, re-envisioning their experiences as they made history and inspired a nation. Many of Alan Bean's signed Greenwich Workshop Fine Art limited editions are countersigned by astronauts, aviators and scientists who flew in Apollo missions, making these editions even more cherished by collectors and space fans. Greenwich Workshop's Fine Art Giclee *Reaching for the Stars* is signed by 24 astronauts representing missions from Mercury through Apollo-Soyuz. *The Hammer and the Feather* lithograph is signed by Apollo 15's Dave Scott. *Right Stuff Field Geologists* is signed by Astronauts Eugene Cernan and Edgar Mitchell. All of Alan Bean's Fine Art limited editions are signed by Bean and numbered.

About the Greenwich Workshop Gallery at Seymour

The Gallery is located at 151 Main St. in Seymour across from the train station. For all of your fine art and framing needs, the Gallery is open five days per week: Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 6pm, and Saturday 10am-5pm. For more information call Chris Usher at (203) 881-7722

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