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## Grand Canyon News Release

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### **Artist-in-Residence on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park**

**Grand Canyon, Ariz.** – Susan J. Klein is spending the next couple of weeks on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park as the summer 2007 Artist-in-Residence. Klein is a landscape painter from Sarasota, Florida who specializes in colorful, contemporary, acrylic and oil paintings.

“Traveling to different landscapes excites my senses and imaginations and reignites my creative spirit,” said Klein. “Each painting is special and specific to a given time and place.”

Klein has been painting and exhibiting her work for more than 30 years. She has won numerous awards and recognitions, including one of her works being exhibited at the American Embassy in Rome, Italy during 2001-2004 as part of the U.S. Department of State Art-in-Embassies program.

Klein will be in residence on the North Rim from August 15 through September 5, 2007. Her participation in the North Rim’s Artist-in-Residence program continues the legacy of art in our national parks. The Artist-in-Residence program on the North Rim began in 2002 with a resident writer. Artists from around the world typically compete for three residencies per year – spring, summer and fall. Artistic mediums can include painting,

pen and ink drawing, charcoal, sculpture, wood working, photography, dance, music or writing.

The broad vistas and overwhelming landscapes of the American West have inspired generations of artists. Their idyllic paintings, rough and tumble novels, sepia prints, and soaring musical scores, in part, prompted the establishment of our national parks as an enduring heritage. This artistic heritage began with the artwork and photography that accompanied the Yellowstone Expedition of 1871. This art helped to influence the establishment of Yellowstone as our first national park in 1872.

Current Artist-in-Residence programs at Grand Canyon National Park, as well as at other parks around the country, preserve that memory today. The nation and the National Park system are changing. So too has a new generation of artists, who have emerged with contemporary techniques and bold new mediums. It is the task of these new artists to help frame our invaluable national heritage in enduring words and images for those who visit now, those who will come later and for those who will know the parks only in this artistic legacy.

Few parks have inspired as much wonder as the Grand Canyon, a world-renowned symbol of the American dreams of exploration and endless possibilities. Klein will experience a unique opportunity to live and work in this unparalleled setting. Come and share in the beauty of her art. She will present an evening slide program this Saturday, August 25, 2007, in the Grand Canyon Lodge auditorium on the North Rim. She will also present several informal discussions and demonstrations of her work. Join her to experience Grand Canyon through the eyes of an artist.

For more information about the Artist-in-Residence program, including the application process for next year's program, please contact Chris Carroll, park naturalist, at (928) 638-7647.

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