

ALLYN GALLUP CONTEMPORARY ART PLANS MOVE TO ROSEMARY DISTRICT

Allyn and Sheila Gallup are pleased to announce that they are moving their business, Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art, to a new Sarasota address in the Rosemary District. Plans are to close the gallery in its current Pineapple Avenue location by month's end and re-open in early June. The new address will be 1419 5th Street, just east of Central Avenue.

"Sheila and I are very excited to announce this move," remarked Gallup. "We've been watching the Rosemary District evolve over the past few years and as the new hip place, we feel it's the perfect spot for our contemporary art gallery. In bigger cities, it's practically a tradition for art galleries to move, to always be in the new, edgier areas. In New York City, for example, the contemporary galleries moved from SOHO to Chelsea and now gallery owners are all looking for space on the lower East side. The Rosemary District has attracted some high-end stores, as well as some trendier places to eat and shop. We think the gallery will be a great addition to this already eclectic and interesting mix of merchants."

The new gallery is located in a space previously occupied by the Sarasota Olive Oil Company that recently moved to a bigger location on the same block. It is also next door to Ian Black Real Estate. Parking is available on the street and in an adjacent lot to the east of the building. Presently, the space is under renovation.

"Although somewhat smaller, this new space will be an ideal place to showcase our many wonderful artists," Gallup continued. "There is an open second floor loft area which adds another interesting dimension. It's more intimate yet there is plenty of room to really make a big impression. In addition, we plan to promote art parties and receptions for anyone interested in hosting such an evening for friends and acquaintances. We are very excited about all these new opportunities."

Other merchants are also pleased with the announcement. Michael Bush, owner of Home Resources and president of the Rosemary District Neighborhood Association, was one of the first merchants to move into the Rosemary District.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art relocate to the Rosemary District," Bush commented. "For us, it's an endorsement of what we've been working so hard to achieve. We are surrounded by new development, which will continue to bring new

customers. At the same time, the merchants and property owners have kept the ambiance and flavor of the area intact. The Rosemary District is trendy, fun and hip. It's a cool place to be and new people are finding us every day. Having Sarasota's premier contemporary art gallery located here is a real plus for the area. It will only speed up what is already evolving into a great shopping district ready to be explored."

Gallup established the business as Mira Mar Gallery in 1991. He and Sheila are dedicated to providing an outstanding selection of work, by highly accomplished contemporary artists, most of whom have work in public collections. Their energy and commitment have earned the gallery a reputation as the leading southwest Florida location to see contemporary art. Paintings, sculptures, mixed media assemblages, works on paper and prints are available. Primarily, the gallery represents mid-career artists, but also occasionally takes on promising emerging artists. Exhibits change almost monthly so there is always something new to see. In addition, a large inventory of work is kept onsite and is always available for viewing. The gallery is known for the wide variety of art it presents, as well as the depth of its resources. Gallery hours will be Tuesday-Saturday, 10 to 5. For more information contact the gallery at 941-366-2093 or visit the website at www.allyngallup.com.
