



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Mary Ellen Golden, artist chosen for 2011 ROW Back Door Kitchen Tour Original Watercolor....The Unveiling August 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at The Cotton Exchange**

Wilmington, North Carolina 8/1/2011,

The Cotton Exchange is extremely proud to announce the unveiling of the 2011 Back Door Kitchen Tour original watercolor by resident artist and gallery owner, Mary Ellen Golden, on August 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm at The Golden Gallery at The Cotton Exchange. As part of the tour fundraiser ROW, Residents of Old Wilmington, select a local artist to paint a door scene of one of Wilmington's historic homes in downtown. The original painting is being donated by Mary Ellen Golden to raffle off the day of the tour. The house and painting will be a secret until the day of the unveiling. Come enjoy refreshments, music and art!

Mary Ellen began painting at the age of 12, and spent her teenage years working in oils. In the early 1970's, she began to study watercolor in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1977, after a move to Wilmington, North Carolina, she opened the Golden Gallery. She has since become a master of the watercolor medium, and because of her extensive career chronicling Wilmington through images of its landmarks, she is many folk's artist of choice when looking for a way to preserve their memories of the Cape Fear region.

Tickets for a chance to win this valuable original watercolor will go on sale the evening of the unveiling, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and will remain on sale at The Golden Gallery up until October 7<sup>th</sup>, the day of the tour. More information on Mary Ellen Golden and The Golden Gallery can be obtained at [www.thegoldengallery.com](http://www.thegoldengallery.com). For Back Door Kitchen Tour details and more information on ROW go to [www.rowilmington.com](http://www.rowilmington.com).