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### **REMEMBER TIMELESS FALL MOMENTS WITH A DONNA BURGESS PRINT FROM SILVER SANDS**

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Destin, Fla. (August 11, 2009) – It’s a little known secret that the fall season undoubtedly is the best time of the year in our area. From the amazing cultural events to the beautiful sunsets and the tranquil natural beauty of the area, Beaches of South Walton offers a truly unique experience. What better way to remember these timeless moments than with an autumn-themed watercolor print available exclusively from Silver Sands Factory Stores. October is Autumn Tides Month at Silver Sands, featuring another highly-anticipated watercolor print by renowned local artist Donna Burgess. Shoppers presenting same-day receipts totaling \$300 to Shopper Services will receive a complimentary, limited-edition print.

For the past eight years, Burgess has portrayed the essence of the beautiful fall season in her Autumn Tides artwork. Named Beaches of South Walton’s 2008 Artist of the Year, Burgess is currently partnering with Silver Sands on a new series of artwork, “Autumn through the Artist’s Eyes”, for the eighth annual Autumn Tides Month.

“Each year, our shoppers can’t wait to see Donna’s latest inspiration translated into a stunning piece of artwork. For this current series, we wanted to show a completely different perspective on a traditional scene,” said Traci Stokes, Marketing Director for Silver Sands. “It will compliment her other Autumn Tides artwork but definitely offer something unique and fun.”

This year’s print, “Autumn Afternoon”, is the second in Burgess’ third series of artwork portraying the unforgettable fall scenes only found in Beaches of South Walton. She continues the reoccurring theme of beach scenes with fun sandcastles made out of the sugar white sand

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unique to the Gulf Coast. In the lower right corner is the beginning of an artist sketch of the scene in front of her. From the eyes of an artist, Burgess uses a palette of vibrant colors such as turquoise blue, yellow and orange.

“This is specifically from an artist’s perspective going through the process of depicting the first images of a fall season. Imagine yourself in the scene, peering over the artist’s shoulder to get a sneak peak of her work,” stated Burgess.

“Autumn Afternoon” is available exclusively at Silver Sands Shopper Services during October 2009. Shoppers also have the opportunity to meet Donna Burgess and have their print personally autographed at two special artist signings. Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5<sup>TH</sup> will host both signing receptions on Saturday, October 10 and October 24 from 1 - 4 p.m. Silver Sands' Autumn Tides Month celebration is a part of Autumn Tides, a series of unforgettable fall festivals sponsored by Beaches of South Walton. For more information, call (850) 654-9771 or visit online at [silversandsoutlet.com](http://silversandsoutlet.com).

Donna Burgess has been an active figure in Northwest Florida’s Gulf Coast art scene for more than 20 years and has galleries in Sandestin and Bay County. Her highly collectible multimedia interpretations and award-winning festival art capture the beauty and joy of coastal life, such as tin-roof beach cottages, animals and children at play and whimsical marine creatures. A popular line of products are also produced and marketed by Donna Burgess Galleries, including limited edition prints, clothing, tiles, greeting cards and embroidered items. National manufacturers have licensed her images for paper products, tableware and a custom line of domestic accessories.

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