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Paramount Bank Ferndale Opens "Cruiz'n" Exhibit at Community Arts @ Paramount Gallery

Farmington Hills, Mich., August 9, 2006 - Paramount Bank Ferndale today announced the opening of "Cruiz'n", the newest Community Arts @ Paramount Bank art exhibit, featuring automotive art ranging from fine art pieces to "lowbrow" and hot rod artworks by the Motor City's own Charles Maher, Cliff McKillop and Bill Stinson.

"With Ferndale being the official starting point of the annual Woodward Dream Cruise, taking place August 18-20, we wanted to present a collection that would support the Ferndale community's strong interest in the event," said Jeff Sugg, president and CEO of Paramount Bank. "The variety of the works featured will provide a style to appeal to everyone's tastes."

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"Cruiz'n", on display through mid-September, features approximately 30 original acrylic and watercolor pieces, giclee prints and posters by longtime Detroit-based artists Charles Maher, Cliff McKillop and Bill Stinson, whose art styles cross all boundaries.

Charles Maher's work is well known in fine automotive art circles and his acrylic pieces have graced the pages of magazines such as: AutoWeek, Automobile, Car Collector, Mustang Monthly, Racer, Road and Track, Automobile Quarterly and Sports Car Market. A member of the Automotive Fine Art Society, his work has been shown at Concourses across the country and he has produced posters for a variety of events across the country, including the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Cliff McKillop characterizes his work as a "commercialized style" of automotive art. Having had an art studio creating commercial illustrations for more than 35 years, his work has been featured in ad campaigns for the Big Three automakers, as well as illustrations for magazine articles. He works mostly in watercolor and says he is motivated by hot rods.

Bill Stinson has been drawing cars and cartoons, his two life long passions, since he was ten years old and has combined the two to produce his own unique style of automotive art. He's written and cartooned for national automotive publications, and his low brow, '50's type, hot rod giclee prints are popular with many Woodward Dream Cruise enthusiasts.

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The exhibit will be on display through mid-September in the Community Arts @ Paramount Gallery at 22635 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, MI 48220. Bank hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – noon. Phone number is (248) 414-6500. More information on the Gallery and exhibits can be found at www.theparamountgallery.com.

About Paramount Bank

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