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**Paramount Bank Opens “Transient Structures” Exhibit at  
Community Arts @ Paramount Gallery**

**Farmington Hills, Mich., June 13, 2007** - Paramount Bank Ferndale today announced the opening of its newest Community Arts @ Paramount Gallery exhibit: “Transient Structures” - featuring works by Lynn Bennett-Carpenter and Mary Kim. The opening reception is 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Friday June 15, 2007 and the exhibit will run through July 21, 2007.

Lynn Bennett-Carpenter thinks of her work as drawings. She starts with a flat piece of paper and creates form and interest by adding space through cutting, lifting, twisting and turning layers. Her works are not permanently fixed and this transient state allows for the evolution of an idea.

Mary Kim is working on the issues of enigmatic space organization through painting and architecture. She creates a series of tectonic structures with obliquely modified units as a new architectural language that generates a metaphorical form of growth. Kim is interested in creating structures "as events that are constantly being reinterpreted and remade rather than as objects completed with permanence and stability," - Gianni Vattimo.

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Says curator Narine Kchikian, "Recently in art I see an interest in organizational structures, basic units, the need to find a base or understand the way things take form or develop in everyday life. I think understanding of these basic occurrences pave our way to understanding the beauty. This is why it is very interesting to see the interaction of the work of these two artists, who are coming from two different backgrounds – fiber and architecture, and the solutions that they provide to this question."

Lynn Bennett-Carpenter holds a BA degree in Philosophy from Wheaton College in Illinois. She received her BFA in Drawing and Painting from University of Colorado, Denver and her MFA in Fiber from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. Bennett-Carpenter has participated in local and national exhibitions and her work has been highlighted in many news articles. She is a recipient of numerous awards including the Hagenlocker Faculty Award and a Bramson Grant. Lynn Bennett-Carpenter is an artist-in-residence at Kingswood Weaving and Fiber Arts Studio at Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Born in New York City, but having grown up in Seoul, Korea, Mary Kim received her BFA from the Seoul National University in Korea, her MFA at City College of the University of New York, and her Master of Architecture degree at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. After completing her thesis, she was awarded a Post Graduate Residency at Cranbrook Academy, an "Art on the Move" public art grant, a Detroit YMCA public art grant, and artist-in-residence at the McColl Center for Visual Art. She has been teaching at College for Creative Studies, Lawrence Technological University and Washtenaw Community College, all in Michigan. Mary Kim is represented by the David Klein Gallery, Birmingham, Mich.

"Transient Structures" will be on display during bank hours from June 15 through July 21, 2007 at Community Arts @ Paramount Gallery at 22635 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, MI 48220. Bank hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. – noon. For more information on the gallery and exhibits, visit [www.theparamountgallery.com](http://www.theparamountgallery.com) or call (248) 414-6500.

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