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Artist-In-Residence Program launched at GIBB'S FARM

Karatu, Tanzania -- October 3, 2006 -- Art lovers and Fine Art collectors can now discover original work at GIBB'S FARM through *Sanaa*, the Farm's Artist-In-Residence Program.

Sanaa brings in selected artists from Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda who are serious about taking their work to the international market, and interested in living and working on the Farm for a period of time. Artists are provided with a studio space, and GIBB'S FARM commissions select pieces from each artist during his or her stay. The goal is to transform GIBB'S FARM walls and gardens into a living gallery of East African Fine Art.

Robert Aswani, a highly celebrated Kenyan painter, is living at GIBB'S FARM for a month, exhibiting his latest collection of paintings and working on two large commission pieces for the Farm. "This has been a real break for me", says Robert, "A chance for me to show my work to a new and very responsive audience."



Charles Bies (left), traditional Makonde carver, and inspiration for Sanaa, has been working at GIBB'S FARM since 2002. His latest pieces, "Ujamaa" and "Olpayan" stand in GIBB'S FARM's two newly upgraded Farm Cottages.

Trained textile artist and experienced curator, Kyle Quint, is the program's manager. Kyle has a degree in Fine art from the U.S. and spent time in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where he worked with Yves Gosciny, director of the East African Art Biennale. Through Yves, Kyle met several artists, and developed a personal affection for East African Art.

"Our Artist-In-Residence Program seeks to use Tanzania's prosperous tourism industry as a platform to promote East African artists whose spirit transcends the curio market."

GIBB'S FARM is dedicated to creating unique programs that enrich the community as well as the guests' experience. Artists participating in *Sanaa* have the rare opportunity to explore their creativity in a new and exciting environment, while professionally gaining access to the international eye. And through meeting the artists, hearing their stories and watching them work, guests can put names and faces to their treasures.

About GIBB'S FARM

GIBB'S FARM is one of the oldest guesthouses in Northern Tanzania. It is ideally located half way between Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater, enroute to Serengeti National Park. A community where the rhythm of Farm Life has calmed and restored travelers for over 40 years, GIBB'S FARM is *A Respite from the Rigors of Safari. # # #*