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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - The *In Maudie's Garden* series, featuring at least 13 new works by Illinois Wesleyan alumnus and local artist Spencer Sauter, will be on display at The Bead Parlor, 318 N. Main St, in Bloomington beginning Tuesday, Nov. 14, and continuing through the holidays.

The series will feature small digital paintings juxtaposing objects reminiscent of gardens, such as flowerpots and watering cans, with graceful, elegant human figures. The process of digital painting begins with photographs that Sauter combines into entirely new works using computer software. According to the artist's Web site, "the process of invention using Photoshop involves more painterly concerns than mere photo manipulations might connote." The manipulation of the images is only the beginning of the process, as Sauter then "fleshes out" the piece by constructing frames, boxes, stretchers, borders of repetitive imagery and grids of seed beads.

Sauter graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1970 with a bachelor's in English and in 1973 with a bachelor's of fine arts in art. He earned his master's in art from Illinois State University in 1975. He has previously worked at the *Pantagraph* as an art, music, theatre and food critic, and currently works as an artist and graphic designer out of his home in Normal.

The Bead Parlor's hours are as follows:

- Sunday and Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 10 am. - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Examples of Sauter's work can be found online at www.spenmedia.com/current-artwork.html.

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