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## **Reception for Artist Gigi Barrett on March 9 at Atria Darien**

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An art reception in honor of artist Gigi Barrett will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, at Atria Darien, 50 Ledge Road.

Although primarily a portrait artist, her latest collection expanded her focus to include the beauty of nature.

Born and bred in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, N.Y., she is moved by the bleakness of New York City of the 70s with its haunting black, white and grays.

Many works are in charcoal, stressing the lines, flaws, light and shadows while her bright acrylic and oil work has definitive characteristics one might see in a sketch.

Her work has been shown in galleries in New York and throughout Connecticut. She has participated in several national juried art shows receiving awards for her charcoals. Most of her work is privately

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commissioned.

Many of her works are donated to local non-profit organizations focusing on animal care, rescues and education. Her love of nature has become her recent obsession, and charity of choice.

Half of all proceeds from this reception will be donated to The Darien Nature Center. Please view [her website](#) for other works, progress on Nature and Me — Land, Air and Sea pieces, or contact her at [Gigi@GigiBarrett.com](mailto:Gigi@GigiBarrett.com).