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NURSERY RHYMES ARE EXPLORED AT THE LIBRARY **Pocketful of Posies art display at Bel Air**

(Belcamp, Maryland – August 27, 2015) Share your inner child with the children in your life and explore *Pocketful of Posies*, the handwork of Salley Mavor featuring 27 framed works of art illustrating children's nursery rhymes. On display at the Bel Air Library through September 30, her work includes whimsical characters, bright colors, textured notions, and natural elements, creating a 3-dimensional storyboard exploring the stories and rhymes we grew up with. *Pocketful of Posies* is not only a look at the extraordinary talent of artist Salley Mavor, but also an exploration of the many reasons nursery rhymes exist and why the artist has chosen to interpret them.

The rhyming games and bedtime rituals played and sung with children are much the same as those played and sung by families living in serfdom, some as far back as medieval times. The nursery rhyme was an easy way for people to pass on history, teach, and surreptitiously comment on the politics of the times. They were printed in England as early as 1570 and because much of the population could not read, the publications usually contained illustrations. Nursery rhythms have traveled all over the world, varying with the culture and society but all containing the kernel of the original. The background of nursery rhymes is varied and in many cases, the true story has been lost to time.

To help us understand the value of the nursery rhyme, Michael Sizer, Assistant Professor of Intellectual History at Maryland Institute College of Art will visit the Bel Air Library on September 24th at 6:30pm. *The Secret Life of Nursery Rhymes* will

focus on why we repeat these rhymes generation after generation and the important role they play in childhood and learning.

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

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Photo caption #1: Salley Mavor at work.

Photo caption #2-4: Salley Mayor's work will be on display at the Bel Air Library through September 30th.