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Shops of Distinction

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MAKING A SPLASH! GALLERIA'S SNEAK PEEK IS AWASH IN GREEN

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Partners with Galleria to Preview WATEROSITY

Minneapolis— In 2007, the International Bottled Water Association reported that Americans drank nine billion gallons of bottled water, which added approximately 60 million bottles a day to U.S. landfills.

Beginning Sunday, March 15, 1,500 of those bottles will be part of an enormous sculpture called *Take Back the Tap: Protect our Environment* that will be on display at Galleria. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum has loaned the piece to Galleria as a sneak preview to its summer exhibition, *WATEROSITY: Go Green with a Splash*.

Take Back the Tap is actually a huge water bottle— measuring 23' long, 7 ½' high and 10' wide. Located at Galleria's west end in the Big Bowl Courtyard, it will be surrounded by native Minnesota plants and grasses to serve as a reminder that less than 20% of plastic bottles are actually recycled.

Take Back the Tap will be on display at Galleria's Big Bowl atrium Sunday, March 15 through Thursday, April 30. It was created by Debra A. Ensteness, owner of Landscapes by Dae, a West St. Paul residential and commercial landscape design and consulting company, and Sheila Hawthorne, founder of Hawthorne Landscape Designs, an Inver Grove Heights landscaping service.

Galleria is pleased to host the Arboretum's summer exhibit sneak preview. The two organizations teamed up during the 2008 holiday shopping season, when the Arboretum opened a seasonal extension of their popular gift store at the Center.

Waterosity

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum summer exhibit, *WATEROSITY*, begins Saturday, June 6 and runs through Sunday, October 4. At the Arboretum, *Take Back the Tap* will open up and visitors can step inside to learn about the vast amount of energy and resources required to produce bottled water. The interactive exhibit, along with nine other works by Midwestern artists, will be on display.

About Galleria

Galleria offers an exceptional selection of casual dining, unique local shops and favorite specialty stores wrapped within a sophisticated, relaxed atmosphere. Locally owned and managed by Gabbert & Beck, Inc., Galleria is located at 69th and France Avenue in Edina, Minnesota. For more information, visit www.galleriaedina.com.



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