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**Mona Brody: From Object to Fragment Exhibition at the  
Visual Arts Center of New Jersey**

**Summit, NJ May 15, 2007:** The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey is proud to announce *Mona Brody: From Object to Fragment*, a unique art exhibit speaking to the deeply personal emotions of self-expression and remembrance. The exhibition will be on display at the Art Center from May 14– June 29. The opening reception, held in conjunction with the annual Members’ and Students’ Show and Sale, is on Friday, June 15, from 6 to 8 p.m.

In *Mona Brody: From Object to Fragment*, the established artist endeavors to illustrate the delicate relationship between memory and perception. The composition of her artwork incorporates layered surfaces on paper and wood panels, veiling fragmented images. By expressing herself through complex layering and deconstructive composition, Mona Brody’s work emits creative energy and profound emotion. Embedded with personal artifacts, the work addresses family ancestry and individual experiences.

“My work is influenced by family genealogy, responses to the physical world, personal documents, as well as found and handmade objects. These sources have inspired a series of fragmented images that address a glimpse into self-reflection and recollection. Wood panels and paper support charcoal, pencil, paint, transferred images, collage and wax. The layered surfaces veil and obscure what is beneath the surface, hidden experiences that elicit the viewer to explore.” – Mona Brody 2007

Since its founding in 1933, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey has evolved into a major regional art center with both a professionally recognized art school and a critically acclaimed exhibition program. Over the years, it has developed an extensive curriculum of art classes geared to all ages and desired degrees of expertise – beginners and professionals alike. Its mission is to enrich knowledge, understanding, an appreciation of contemporary art and the variety of cultures and ideas it represents.

The Art Center offers special events and educational programs throughout the year such as lectures, hands-on art workshops, tours, and more. To learn more, visit the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey website at [www.artcenternj.org](http://www.artcenternj.org). Learn what is currently on exhibit, become familiar with the online course catalogue, register for classes or workshops and find out what events and programs are scheduled.

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