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Ann Toebe: *Shared*

Boston, MA – Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to present *Shared*, an exhibition of recent work by Chicago-based artist **Ann Toebe**.

The exhibition will be on view from Thursday, May 15 through Saturday, July 5, 2014, with an opening reception Friday, June 6.

On View: May 15 – July 5, 2014

Reception: Friday June 6, 2014, 5:30 – 8 PM

In *Shared*, Toebe presents six new paintings on panel and two large works on paper. In the work, she continues the exploration of interior spaces that has defined her practice over the past decade. The subject of Toebe's work is memories of childhood homes of her friends and family. *Shared* takes on the ways in which time and memory shape, clarify and blur our personal histories.

The exhibition has three subjects. The first five paintings focus on the childhood home that Toebe's friend and former nanny, Hortencia, shared with her family. The work originated in a collaboration, with Hortencia making sketches of the home and discussing the paintings with Toebe as they took shape. Of the work, Toebe has stated:

The idea for the paintings in Shared started with Hortencia's stories of growing up in a large family in a small house. Once I stumbled on this theme, I thought of my family and many friends who, due to lack of space, had to share a room and sometimes a bed with their siblings. Presently my two daughters share a bedroom in our small condo in Chicago.

In two other paintings, Toebe draws on recollections of the room she shared with her sister and the bedroom of childhood friends who lived down the street. Finally, Toebe presents two large works on paper that represent the bedroom two of her aunts shared as children.

Toebe received an MFA from the Yale School of Art in 2004. She has been the recipient of numerous awards, including a 2005 Pollack-Krasner Foundation Grant and the West Prize Finalist Award in 2008. Recent solo exhibitions include shows at Monya Rowe Gallery in New York City and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago. Toebe's work is held in numerous collections, including: The Saatchi Collection, The Progressive Collection, and the Jimenez-Colon Collection. This is Toebe's second solo exhibition at Steven Zevitas Gallery.

The artist will be present for an opening reception Friday, June 6th from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. For additional information, please contact Steven Zevitas at 617.778.5265 (ext. 22). *Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11AM – 5 PM.*