

ESSEX STEAM TRAIN & RIVERBOAT

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Essex Steam Train & Riverboat
presents
“Locomotive Quarterly Covers by Robert Hauschild”
June 25 through October 12, 2009

Essex, CT, May 15, 2009 - - Essex Steam Train & Riverboat is delighted to announce a summer/fall exhibition, *Locomotive Quarterly Covers by Robert Hauschild*. On display in the Oliver Jensen Gallery, June 25 - October 12, 2009, the exhibit will feature Hauschild’s original watercolor paintings that served as covers for *Locomotive Quarterly* magazine.

Locomotive Quarterly Covers combines Robert Hauschild’s medium of choice - - watercolor, with one of his favorite subjects - - the era of the great steam engines. Bob grew up on the banks of the Hudson River with ferries, tugs, railroads, bridges and lighthouses. So its no wonder that his favorite subject matter would one day be painting steam locomotives for *Locomotive Quarterly* magazine. As for Bob’s favorite medium, he says, “You can’t dominate watercolor. It’s that bouncy, transparent jump that you get—you have to work with it. It’s almost what you don’t put in that makes a painting.”

According to Dave Conrad, VP, Chief Mechanical Officer of The Valley Railroad Company, “*Locomotive Quarterly* was an album of photographic essays. With little text, it was a showcase for 1920’s – 1950’s railroad photography. Bob’s paintings put more feeling into the locomotives than original photos possessed. For Bob, the photo was merely a starting point to create an image of an era.”

The Valley Railroad Company

Incorporated in 1969, The Valley Railroad Company opened the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat to the public in 1971. Today, the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat attracts 150,000 visitors a year and is one of Connecticut’s most vibrant tourist attractions. Tour goers enjoy a 2½ hour narrated steam train and riverboat journey through the scenic Connecticut River Valley. Special events include *Lomax: The Hound of Music*, *Day Out With Thomas*, *Santa Special* and *North Pole Express*. Please visit www.essexsteamtrain.com.

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