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**“ABOVE THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE”
Opens September 2 at Tai Sophia Institute’s Himmelfarb Gallery
Features Aerial Photographs by Maryland Artist/Pilot Peter Stern**

August 23, 2010 (Laurel, MD) – **“Above the Changing Landscape,”** aerial photographs by Baltimore, Maryland, artist Peter Stern, opens Thursday, September 2, in the Himmelfarb Gallery at Tai Sophia Institute. An **Artist Reception** will be held on **Thursday, September 16 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Peter Stern combines his passion for art, nature, and flying in aerial photography. In this exhibition we see images taken during flights to Pennsylvania’s coal region where he photographs the bleak yet beautiful landscape. “In my work, I seek out the in-between places – the odd, the unusual, the overlooked, the forgotten – presenting them in a way that draws the viewer into a third space, somewhere between the abstract and the representational,” said Stern.

Stern has had a number of solo exhibitions in Baltimore, as well as having aerial photographs exhibited at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center (Pennsylvania) and the Smithsonian Institute’s Air and Space Museum (Washington, DC). Articles about his aerial photography have appeared in *Ultraflight* and *Powered Sport Aviation* magazines.

Artworks from the show will be on sale through the Meeting Point bookstore, which is adjacent to the gallery. Visit the Himmelfarb Gallery online at www.tai.edu/Himmelfarb.aspx.

What: “Above the Changing Landscape”
Aerial Photographs by Peter Stern
When: September 2 – November 26, 2010
Where: Himmelfarb Gallery, Tai Sophia Institute
7750 Montpelier Road, Laurel, MD 20723

Regular gallery hours:

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Call 410-888-9048 for additional weekend hours.

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About the Artist

Peter Stern’s love of flying began at age 15 when he took flying lessons near his hometown of Crawfordsville, IN. This love was reignited when he discovered ultralights at an airpark on Maryland’s Eastern Shore in 2003. Stern’s love of artmaking began when he was in his 20s when he started taking nature photographs in New England and studying photography at Johnson State College in Vermont. In time, he integrated his loves through aerial photography.

An essay by Stern describing how flying, photography, and acupuncture have contributed to his sobriety and healing path is posted on the Tai Sophia Web site. Read [“Aerial Photography and the Healing Arts.”](#)

About Tai Sophia Institute

Tai Sophia Institute, a private, nonprofit organization based in Laurel, Maryland, is a leading center for wellness-based education, client care, and public policy discourse. Founded in 1974, the Institute has evolved into a diverse resource providing accredited graduate academic programs, continuing professional education, community wellness programs, and clinical services. The Institute’s 12-acre main campus also houses a bookstore, a library, and herb and meditation gardens, all of which are open to the public.

About the Himmelfarb Gallery

The lobby of Tai Sophia’s main campus building serves as the gallery space, which features four exhibitions each year. Each exhibition focuses on some aspect of healing, wellness, or nature. Launched in April 2003, the Himmelfarb Gallery has been home to paintings, drawings, prints, photography, fabric, and artist-made paper. It is a place where art and healing intersect.

The Himmelfarb Gallery honors the Helen M. and Annetta E. Himmelfarb Foundation for its gift of \$1 million to the Institute, the largest donation in Tai Sophia’s history. The dedication and naming of the space took place on November 17, 2006.

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(Note to Journalists: Digital images are available by request.)