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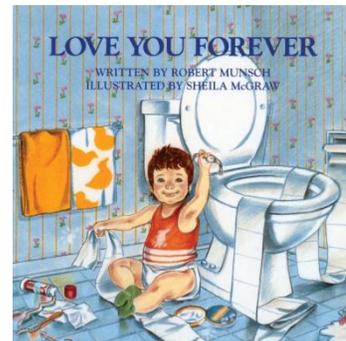
**Archway Gallery presents *Love You Forever and Beyond—  
The Children's Book Art of Sheila McGraw***

**Exhibition** February 7 - March 5, 2015

**Opening Reception & Book Signing**

DATE: Saturday, February 7, 2015  
TIME: Book signing 5 – 6:30  
Reception 5 – 8 pm, Artist's Talk: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Archway Gallery, 2305 Dunlavy,  
Houston, TX 77006  
*Complimentary valet parking and  
catered refreshments*



*Love You Forever  
Illustration by Sheila McGraw*

**Houston, Texas ()** – Archway Gallery presents *Love You Forever and Beyond—The Children's Book Art of Sheila McGraw*. The exhibition will be on view February 7 - March 5, 2015. The artist will be on hand to visit with guests during the exhibition opening reception on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 5 – 8 pm at the gallery; included will be an artist's talk at 6:30 pm.



*Barbara  
Farnsworth*

**BOOK SIGNING: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> 5 to 6:30 PM.** Sheila McGraw will be signing many of her popular books along with Indie authors **Barbara Farnsworth** who wrote *Where the Lost Things Go* and **Elizabeth Lavine** author of *Snuffy and Vroom Vroom* whose picture books are illustrated by Sheila McGraw. Books will be on sale throughout the show.

**Farnsworth** and **Lavine** will be available at the reception to discuss their publishing experiences with guests.



*Elizabeth Lavine*

A second book signing will take place at Archway Gallery on **Valentine's Day Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2PM.** The perfect gift for mom, the mother of your kids, for your children or grand-kids, nothing says ***Love You Forever*** like a signed copy of the book by the same title. Picture and craft books by Sheila McGraw will be available.

The exhibition features original art and Giclee prints of illustrations by Sheila McGraw from published children's books, including bestsellers: Giclee prints from the bestseller *Love You Forever* (more than twenty-seven million books in print), original art and Giclee prints from *I Promise I'll Find You*, *Pussycats Everywhere*, original art from Indie books *Where the Lost Things Go* and *Snuffy and Vroom Vroom*, original art from out-of-print books *Lightning Bug Thunder*, *My Mother's Hands*, and *My Father's Hands*.

The artwork from a favorite children's book isn't just for kids' rooms. With the wide-ranging subjects of a books' art and their easy-to-place scale, illustrative art belongs in any room or space. For the first time, many of these original artworks will be shown and offered to collectors. Included is the art in its entirety from several books, as well as individual pieces. A variety of media are utilized, including, oil pastel on board, Prismacolor pencil, pastel, and marker on acid-free 100% rag paper, and acrylic on linen. Most pieces are framed.

McGraw delves into an author's words and their concept, and distills them into form and color onto the page, all the while considering and helping the author fine-tune their manuscript for visual cues, pacing, grammar, continuity and composition. The art is then created in a medium that connects the art to the story.

Sheila McGraw was born in Toronto, Canada, and she moved to Houston TX in 2006. Her career has encompassed many facets of commercial and fine art. She started her career as an in-demand illustrator creating art for packaging, national advertising, fashion and editorial illustration. In 1986 her career segued into illustrating and/or writing children's picture and craft books, including many bestsellers. She has also written several how-to books for adults. She continues to accept commissions for children's book illustrations, and currently paints still lifes, portraits, and street scenes of Houston, in oils, on canvas and linen.

She is a member of The Portrait Society of America, The National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society, and The Art League of Houston.



*Cover illustration by Sheila McGraw from the bestselling children's picture book  
I Promise I'll Find You,*

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#### **ABOUT ARCHWAY GALLERY**

##### **Artist owned and operated since 1976**

Archway Gallery, one of Houston's and the nation's oldest artist owned and operated galleries, is located at 2305 Dunlavy and is open Monday – Saturday from 10 am – 6 pm and Sunday from 1 – 5 pm. Since 1976, Archway Gallery has been exhibiting the work of the area's finest artists, providing a great selection of affordable, high quality art including sculpture, pottery and painting in a variety of media and styles. With more than 30 member artists, one is always on site, offering visitors a unique experience to meet the artists who created the work, offering a personal insight about the process behind their creativity. Each month features a special exhibition by a highlighted member artist(s); the public is invited to the monthly opening receptions to celebrate the new installations and work, usually held the first Saturday of each month from 5 – 8 pm. In addition to monthly exhibitions, Archway also hosts a variety of demonstrations and monthly readings for local writers and authors, as well as a "Tea and Tour" program, providing visitors with a free artist-led tour of the current exhibition, followed by tea and refreshments. With 30 artist-members, Archway Gallery is THE destination in the Houston area for affordable art directly from the artist. For more information, visit [ArchwayGallery.com](http://ArchwayGallery.com) or call 713.522.2409. Like Archway Gallery on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ArchwayGallery).