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First Friday Gallery Walk welcomes Ms. Glenna L. Livingston. She will be discussing her work from 7-9 p.m. on June 6, 2008 at As The Page Turns Bookstore & Gallery.



Glenna D. Livingston, local artist and author displays her work at *As the Page Turns Bookstore* in Northville. She has been painting for about 14 years; her Caribbean flavored oil paintings have been in shows throughout Oakland County. "*How I Got By, A Family Saga*" a historical novel is based in part on the Underground Railroad throughout Michigan and Canada is a passionately told story about courage, freedom, and hope. It centers on an African American family whose

100 years of history reveals its traditions, obligations, and bonds of faith, trust, forgiveness and love. Livingston makes presentations on the Underground Railroad at schools, for organizations, churches and small groups. Her book is available at As the Page Turns Bookstore, Visit her website at www.glennalivingston.com

Book Summary:

The story weaves a tapestry of lives when Nikki Alexander returns home for a family reunion after a 13-year absence. It travels to the 1800's with Nikki's great-great-great grandmother Lily as she escapes slavery through the Underground Railroad taking her to Michigan. Nikki's grandmother Violet searches for independence and love in the 1930's as she battles her overbearing mother. Paul, Nikki's father admits the truth behind his emotional abandonment of his daughter. As the reunion weekend is ending and life is beginning to make sense, Nikki is faced with a life changing decision when her inheritance is about to be taken away.