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## **Local Artist, Janet Van Brunt, Displays Work at St. James Mercy Hospital**

**September 16, 2013...Hornell, NY...** Local artist, Janet Van Brunt of Hornell, New York, has loaned a collection of paintings to St. James Mercy Hospital for display in the lobby and emergency room hallway areas.

A retired secretary and assistant grant administrator from Alfred University, Van Brunt has displayed her artwork in a number of local venues including The Arts Council of Corning and Steuben Trust Company. "We are delighted to share these lovely original paintings with our patients and visitors at the hospital," said Sylvia Bryant, VP Mission Integration and Community Outreach.

Van Brunt specializes in traditional subjects such as landscapes, barns, old mills, etc., working mostly in acrylics. "I love this area with its typical New England countryside and buildings and try to reflect that in my paintings," she said. The paintings at the hospital are for sale, and the artist has generously offered to donate a portion of the proceeds to the St. James Mercy Foundation.

Van Brunt's interest in art started late in life when most of us have the time to develop our interests and hobbies. "You need time to devote to a hobby like painting and now that I'm retired I have that time," she said. Van Brunt has a business background with no formal training in art. Her professional career included twenty two years at Alfred University in the School Psychology Department and the Powell Institute, from which she retired in 2011. She now spends her time traveling, painting, gardening and enjoying her family and friends. The paintings at the hospital will be on display through the fall.

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Paintings of Hornell artist Janet Van Brunt are now on display and on sale at St. James Mercy Hospital.