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## **Area Artist, Marsha Van Vlack, Displays Work at St. James Mercy Hospital**

**September 22, 2015...Hornell, NY...** Area artist, Marsha Van Vlack of Whitesville, has loaned a collection of her one-of-a-kind handmade clay tiles to St. James Mercy Hospital for display in the lobby, cafeteria, and emergency room hallway.

A Roycroft Master Craftsman, Van Vlack's media is clay. She teaches wheel throwing and hand building classes at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center on Main Street and Madison in Wellsville, NY.

"We are delighted to display the work of an artist of Ms. Van Vlack's caliber for our patients and visitors," said Jen Sullivan, president and CEO. "This is the second art exhibit at SJMH this year, and we appreciate the local art community's willingness to loan their work to enhance our facility."

According to Van Vlack, "The excitement in working with clay is that it is always changing. The piece can look so different after the glaze has been fired; you just never know what you're going to get! It's an adventure; you just go with the flow." She paints area landscapes on handmade stoneware tile using glazes. Her unique, single tile and large mosaic works of art may be hung or installed in the home or office depending on size.

The clay tiles will be on display at the hospital through December.

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Glazed clay tile pictures by Whitesville artist Marsha Van Vlack are now on display at St. James Mercy Hospital.