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**St. James Mercy Hospital to Display
Barbara Bishop Photo Gallery and Mackenzie Brooks Oil Paintings
Now Through July**

June 10, 2016...Hornell, NY...Two Hornell residents each recently loaned a sampling of their artwork to St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) for display in the lobby, emergency room hallway, and cafeteria.

Photo artist Barbara Bishop has been practicing her art for more than thirty years and views the world through her camera lens. "I see pretty things that grab my eye; I take a photo and frame it," says Bishop. "I just love doing it. I enjoy giving them as Christmas, wedding or housewarming gifts."

Hornell High School junior Mackenzie (Macy) Brooks shared a few of her oil paintings to hang in the lobby and in the cafeteria. Macy just began painting this year in Mr. Kull's art class, where she experimented with all types of paints but oil paint holds a special interest for her.

"I'm so excited to have this opportunity to display my paintings," said Brooks. "I didn't think I had any artistic talent until I painted a portrait in oil that was chosen for the school art show."

"We are pleased to display Ms. Bishop's photographs and Miss Brooks' oil paintings at our hospital," said Jen Sullivan, SJMH President and CEO. "We've known for quite some time that art can heal, comfort and soothe patients, visitors and our own colleagues in the hospital setting. We appreciate the willingness of both a retired employee, and the daughter of a current employee, to loan their works to enhance our facility."

This is the second art exhibit at SJMH this year, and will be on display at the hospital through July.

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Hornell native Barbara Bishop with one of her photographs on display at St. James Mercy Hospital through July.



Hornell High School Junior Macy Brooks with one of her oil paintings on display at St. James Mercy Hospital through July.