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**Local Artist Janet VanBrunt Displays Work
at St. James Mercy Hospital**

August 10, 2016...Hornell, NY... Hornell artist Janet VanBrunt has loaned a collection of paintings to St. James Mercy Hospital for display in the lobby, cafeteria, and emergency room hallway areas.

Upon retirement from Alfred University in 2011, VanBrunt realized she had time to devote to a hobby and seized the opportunity to pursue her unexplored talents.

"I find painting very relaxing and I especially enjoy doing it while we are in Florida over the winter months," she said. VanBrunt draws inspiration from the scenery around her, as well as from some her favorite spots where they used to live.

VanBrunt has a business background with no formal training in art. She has displayed her work in a number of local venues, including The Arts Council of Corning and Steuben Trust Company.

"It's a pleasure for us to display the artwork of Mrs. VanBrunt in our hospital for the enjoyment of our patients, visitors and employees alike," stated Dustin Hewit, Executive Director, St. James Mercy Foundation. "It's been well-documented that physical environment has a significant impact on healing. We appreciate the opportunity to enhance our patients' experience in this way."

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. The paintings will be on display at the Hospital now through early November.

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Hornell artist Janet VanBrunt poses with a sampling of her original artwork on display until early November at St. James Mercy Hospital.

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