

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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Pastels and Oils by Marianne Taylor at  
Downing Park Visitors Center Gallery



The Downing Park Planning Committee is hosting an exhibit in the Visitors Center Gallery featuring the pastels and oils of artist Marianne Taylor. After retiring from teaching seventh grade for over 30 years, Taylor sought to fulfill a life's dream of painting. She was fortunate to meet and study with Lisa Spect, President of the Art Students League of New York. After Spect's death, Taylor and several other fellow students formed the Garret Society, and they continue to meet weekly and paint together.

Taylor considers herself primarily a pastelist but also works comfortably in oils. Her pastels glow with subtle color and light. She says of her work, "My ambition is to grow as an artist and to learn as much as I can to gain knowledge and improved technique. I look to artists such as Daniel Greene and Richard Schmidt for inspiration and guidance."

Taylor has participated and placed in various juried exhibits and competitions including the Kent Gallery in Connecticut and the Fenimore House in Cooperstown. She has shown locally and won awards in the Mount St. Mary Artists on Campus and the Newburgh Free Library Shows.

The Visitors Center Gallery is located in the Shelter House in Downing Park, at Carpenter Avenue and Third Street in Newburgh. It is open daily from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibit will run through August 31. The public is invited to meet the artist at an opening reception at the Shelter House on Sunday, August 12, from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information, call 565-5559