

City of Newburgh

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Works of Art by Elina & Pietro Cordani in City Hall through August

Through the month of August, Art in City Hall is pleased to present works by husband- and-wife artists Elina and Pietro Cordani. Elina's watercolors are displayed on the walls of 83 Broadway, and a large sculpture of the human heart, "The Emotions of the Heart," carved from a banyan tree by husband Pietro is just inside the entrance.



A reception for the artists will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, August 28. The public is invited to attend.

Elina received a BA in Art at Lehman College, New York and a diploma from Accademia Del Belle Arte, Perugia, Italy. She has also studied privately with Barbara Nechis, Domenic DiStefano, Maryann Bianco and Terry Madden, prominent watercolor artists. In 1995, after teaching at the Lavelle School for the Blind, Elina retired, and has since then been pursuing her career in painting watercolors. Recently, she was selected as the artist to represent Marlborough and Milton in the inauguration of "Walkway across the Hudson" on October 3, a Quadricentennial event.



In the last 6 years, she has incorporated her love of colored glass, into her watercolors, and calls them stained glass watercolors. She exhibits her art in the United States as well as in Italy and Australia. Many of her paintings are now in private collections both here and abroad. She does commissioned work by request and has a gallery at her home in Marlboro which can be seen by appointment.

Pietro was born in Varsi, Italy and came to America in 1958. His trade as a mason brought his work to New York City, building many of Manhattan's skyscrapers.

After his retirement in 1992, he began pursuing his life's passion of woodcarving. He has achieved many awards for his work. His sculpture *Terror and Hope*, in commemoration of the TWA crash victims, received Best in Show at Mount St. Mary College's Artists on Campus.

Some of his sculptures are on permanent exhibit in Italy as well as in the town square of Jensen Beach Florida. He belongs to a group called the Treasure Coast carvers in Port St. Lucie, Fl. and exhibits annually in many shows throughout the United States.

Pietro also created the flag that will represent Marlborough at the Walkway across the Hudson event. His sculptures can be seen by appointment, at the home gallery.

For more information about the artists or their works, please call (914) 475-9479.