

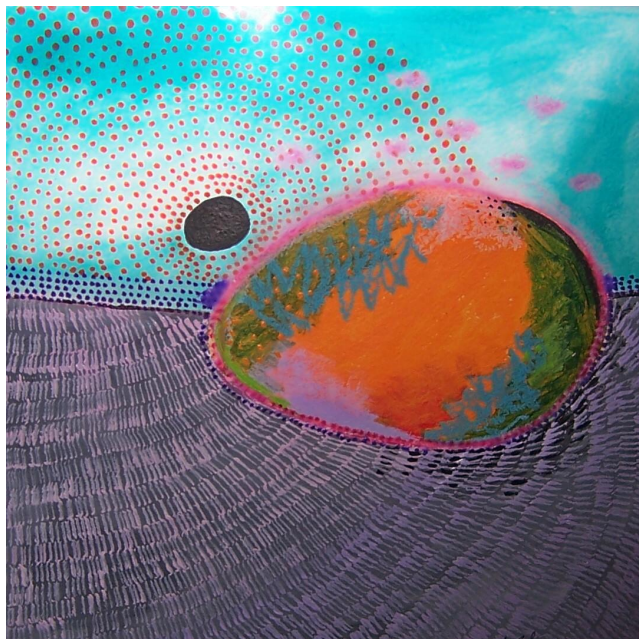
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### **Show of Works by Martha Zola at City Hall, Newburgh**

Martha Zola is showing small works of acrylic paintings on paper at City Hall, Newburgh, with an opening reception Wednesday, July 28, 2010, from 2-4 p.m. The show is entitled “Germination,” and has the theme of the mystery of growth and life. The works are colorful, focusing on design, intensive color, and brushwork. Many of the works are abstract, and a group of four focus, with irony and wit, on the theme of “sandwiches.” Zola’s work reflects the influence of Guston, Kandinsky, Klee, and Van Gogh, among others.

Shows of Zola’s works have appeared in many galleries and museums, including the Parish Art Museum in Southampton, as part of a small group show of jurors’ award winners, and at a solo show at the Sylvia White Gallery in Soho, New York City. She has been recognized with numerous awards for her work and work appears in many private collections. She has shown at local galleries, including The Falcon, The Ritz Theater lobby, the Livingskin Gallery, Vino 100, and at the Billman home.

Martha Zola earned her bachelor’s degree in Art Education at New York University and received her master’s degree and doctorate at SUNY Stony Brook and Hofstra University respectively. She taught studio art and art history at Kingsborough Community College and Suffolk County Community College and is a certified teacher of art for the State of New York. She has done research, published and consulted on the identification of the gifted in art.

Martha Zola has completed a career as a strategic planner and institutional researcher in higher education and health care. She has lived in Newburgh for the past five years, and has served as a Commissioner of Arts and Culture and was briefly the Director of Cultural and Economic Development for the City of Newburgh.