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“Hudson Valley Visions” September Exhibit in City Hall



This month’s exhibit in City Hall is “Hudson Valley Visions” by local artist Gail A. Oliver. A reception for the artist will be held on Friday, September 5 from 2-4 pm in the lobby of Newburgh City Hall, 83 Broadway. The public is invited to attend.

Gail began to paint when she moved to Newburgh in 1990. She enrolled in an art class at the Newburgh Jewish Community Center,

where she experimented with a variety of media before focusing on pastels and monoprints. At the NJCC, Gail has trained with fine area artists including Bruce Bleach, Susan Fink, Natalie Deleon, Robert Cox Jr., Barry Pariser, Roberta Rosenthal and Clayton Buchanan. Her work, which is fairly impressionistic, can be found in many collections in the tri-state area.

Gail primarily enjoys landscape painting, though a series of paintings featuring teddy bears has become a popular addition to her portfolio. She continues to study art at the Newburgh Jewish Community Center. Gail has won three prizes in recent years at the Community Art Show at the Newburgh Free Library. She had a one woman show at the Newburgh JCC in 2007. Her paintings are sold primarily through interior designers.

Professionally, Gail is the coordinator of HAVORAH, a “Partners in Caring” program of Westchester Jewish Community Services, which serves persons with developmental disabilities. She is also involved with many charitable organizations. Gail and her husband Ken, have two children, Nathaniel and Heather.

“Painting provides with me with the opportunity to express my artistic side and relax,” said Gail. “Getting away from the daily pressures of work, family and volunteering, and spending a few hours a week doing something I enjoy so much, is a true joy. I look at nature differently since I have started to paint. Clouds and trees and mountains have become so much more beautiful.”