

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### Paintings by Helena Woodlen in City Hall through May



During the month of May, visitors to Newburgh City Hall at 83 Broadway can enjoy paintings by Newburgh artist Helena Woodlen.

A reception for the artist will be held on Wednesday, May 28 from 2-4 p.m. at City Hall, 83 Broadway.

Equally skilled in oil, watercolors, and pastel, Ms. Woodlen has studied art privately and in workshops in California. She combines a powerful command of form with a sensitive feeling for color and light in her expert depictions of nature and the human figure. Her work has been exhibited at the Charles White Memorial Festival in Pasadena, and Mount Saint Mary College, the Newburgh Free Library, and the Karpeles Museum in Newburgh.

Also a talented writer, Helena is completing her first book- a political novel titled “Operation George Bush.” She is hard at work on her second book, which will be about her experiences working in the Hollywood Canteen in California during World War II. Helena has many great memories, including a meeting with the legendary Bette Davis, who founded the Hollywood Canteen with John Garfield. The Hollywood Canteen was modeled after Broadway’s Stage Door Canteen, and offered food, dancing and entertainment at no cost to servicemen and women. Many of Hollywood’s biggest stars frequented the club, and it remains a popular gathering place today.

For more information about Ms. Woodlen’s work, please call 561-7920.