

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### Paintings by Estrellita De Couto In City Hall through July

For the whole month of July, a variety of oil paintings by Estrellita (Ester) De Couto will grace Newburgh City Hall. The artist is a long time resident of the Hamlet of Wallkill in Ulster County. She and her husband (now deceased) migrated to the Mid Hudson from Brooklyn in 1986.



Formerly a high school teacher in the Philippines, Estrellita holds a Bachelor of Science and took post-graduate studies in Education. She came to the U.S. in 1979.

Her years of association with the Marasco Art Center in New Windsor, and Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, defined her serious inclination to fine arts. She was guided in her work by Carol Gallietta, teacher and mentor at the Marasco Center.

Her enthusiasm and creativity is reflected in her choice of subject matter- which may be a little bit tough to embrace at the beginning, says the artist. The idea that she is free to portray anything that catches her eyes molds her creativity. Thus, “mostly it ends up with positive results.”

Estrellita has exhibited in mostly juried art shows at Newburgh Free Library, Friends of the Newburgh Free Library, Orange Hall Gallery Loft, Orange County Community College, Middletown, New Windsor Art Center, and now, Newburgh City Hall.

For more information on any of her works, please call (845) 895-9156.

