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NEW ART STUDIO IN HUDSON
Two Hudson women pursue life-long artistic dreams

HUDSON, OHIO: Two Hudson artists, Dana Giel-Ray and Karen Koch, are bringing color to Main Street. The two women are now sharing studio space at 220 N. Main, on the 2nd floor in Suite B.

On a typical day, the artists are hard at work making their unique creations.

Dana Giel-Ray, a jewelry artist, is at her workbench, turning simple silver wire into intricately woven wearable art. Her style of work is known as chainmaille, a ancient method of linking tiny rings to form beautiful earrings, necklaces, and bracelets.

Karen Koch, a painter, creates abstract artwork inspired by nature and nostalgia. A new canvas is always on her easel, ready for her colorful and energetic brushstrokes.

Although their artwork is very different, the women have much in common. They both have bachelor's degrees in art: Karen from Denison University and Dana from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. They have built their careers since then in jobs unrelated to art. They are both long-time Hudson residents who live across the street from one another.

Plus, both have recently left their corporate jobs to pursue their dreams of being full-time artists.

A conversation at a backyard barbecue over the summer sparked the realization that they had the same dream of pursuing careers as artists. And, if they worked together, they could make their dreams a reality. In no time, they found an ideal studio space and are working happily at their creative pursuits.

As well as creating in their studio, their work is on display and available for purchase. Visitors are welcome to stop in and see the art-making process in action.

About Bellabor Art Jewelry: Bellabor Art Jewelry is run by Dana Giel-Ray, a jewelry artist specializing in chainmaille whose work has been widely exhibited throughout the U.S. Dana Giel-Ray is a member of Hudson Society of Artists, as well as a past president and publicity director of the group. She is also a member of Maille Artisans International League and Ohio Designer Craftsmen. For more information, visit: www.Bellabor.com

About Life Needs Art: Life Needs Art is the brush name of Karen Koch, an abstract painter whose work is collected internationally. Karen Koch is an member of the Hudson Society of Artists, as well as many other Northeast Ohio art associations. For more information, visit: www.LifeNeedsArt.com

Both businesses are based in Hudson, Ohio.

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