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**Announcing the Grand Opening of Uncommon Art
178 ½ N. Main Street, Hudson**

Two Hudson artists are moving south! Well, south by a half block anyway.

Dana Giel-Ray and Karen Koch formerly of 220 N. Main Street, are joining creative forces with artist Shannon Casey in a new venture called "Uncommon Art".

Uncommon Art, a combination of art studios, micro gallery, and classroom, is now open at 178 ½ N. Main Street, upstairs from Hudson Oriental Rugs.

Giel-Ray (of Bellabor Art Jewelry) and Koch (of Life Needs Art) have operated art studios at 220 N. Main Street since 2013. They, along with Casey, are several of the organizers of the 2nd Friday Art Hops in Hudson. They are all big believers in the strength of the arts community in Hudson.

Casey, who has had a studio at 70 W. Streetsboro Street for years, jumped at the chance to join the others in Uncommon Art. "I love working with other artists and feeding off the magic that happens when we collaborate," she says.

The second floor space that is now Uncommon Art was unoccupied for several years, but has had a rich history. The building was built in 1833 by Owen Brown, father of John Brown. The first floor has been a general store, several restaurants, a hardware store, and many others before becoming the rug store. The second floor has been occupied by other artists in the past, as well as used for hair salons, dentist offices, and even headquarters for the *Hudson Hub Times* many years ago!

Uncommon Art offers classes in drawing and painting, plus mixed media and collage. Group classes and private lessons are available for adults and children. Painting parties are great fun for groups of friends and can be scheduled as well.

The artists would like to invite the community to a grand opening celebration on:

**Saturday, April 2
Noon – 5pm**

Dana Giel-Ray (Bellabor Art Jewelry) makes jewelry using precious metals and gemstones.

Shannon Casey creates portraits and imaginative paintings based on myths and stories.

Karen Koch (Life Needs Art) makes colorful collages and mixed media art based on nature and nostalgia.

For more information about Uncommon Art, please visit www.uncommonarthudson.com