

# Alley Gallery to sell local artisans' works

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DANVILLE — An original work of art could be the perfect gift for someone on your Christmas list.

Some people already had the December gift-giving frenzy in mind when they shopped this summer at Arts in the Park.

For those who didn't share those early visions of sugarplums, The Alley Gallery on North Vermilion Street offers a second chance to buy a work of art this week.

From Friday to Dec. 22, the gallery will hold a special exhibit of local artists' work at affordable prices.

Many of those artists have exhibited at both The Alley Gallery and Arts in the Park. That exclusive group includes some members of the Danville Art League.

Nancy Dyer, Art League member and exhibitor at both venues, called this show "a wonderful opportunity for the public to buy original art. Art at these prices isn't available in any gallery."

Prices in the show range from \$15 to \$250, considerably less than usual for this caliber of work. Dyer said each artist sets his or her own price for their pieces.

The items offered for sale include glass sculpture, oil and watercolor paintings, drawings and photographs. Small pieces of glass



Roberta Williams watches as Kristen Wolfinbarger hangs a painting in The Alley Gallery in Danville. Susan Joy McKinney/Commercial-News

art and pen-and-ink note cards also will be for sale.

"We've compiled an assortment of styles for this," Kristen Wolfinbarger said. She has several pieces of photography and computerized art in the show.

Wolfinbarger also organized the event for gallery curator David Nolan.

The artists involved in this show share the desire to increase both art awareness and ownership in the community.

"People have to realize how we arrive at a price for our art," Wolfinbarger said. "Besides the time that we put into it, there's also the materials we use, the frame, the mat."

Fellow artist Roberta Williams agreed.

"This isn't something you can buy at a department or a discount store," Williams said. "These aren't mass-produced prints.

"And people who buy original art may be buying the work of someone who will go on to greatness."

Williams used Mort Luby as an example of that. The former Danville Art League member's work sells in Chicago for "thousands of dollars," she said.

In addition to Williams, Dyer and Wolfinbarger, other artists showing and selling their work include Mike Byers, Marie Davidson, Marsha Russell, Margaret Stout and Les Woodrum.

## IF YOU GO

*The Alley Gallery, 113 N. Vermilion St., will hold a winter show and sale beginning Friday until Dec. 22. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery will be closed on Sunday. For more information, call 497-2286.*

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