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Young at Art Exhibit Showcases Area Artists at St. Matthew Center for Health in Park Ridge

Young at Art, a two-month exhibit of artwork by seven area artists, opens on Friday, July 20, at St. Matthew Center for Health, located at 1601 N. Western Avenue in Park Ridge. An opening reception, which is open to the public, will be held from 4:00–7:00 p.m. Guests will have an opportunity to meet the artists. The show will run July 20–September 20.

Exhibiting their work are Loretta Fuller, Janet Hitzman, Helen Koster, Henry Pils, Nelly Ramir, Norma Traise Simmons and Jo Duro Smolenski. They are residents of Chicago, Norridge, and Park Ridge, and have studied art at various institutions, including The Art Institute of Chicago, Evanston Art Center, Mundelein College and Dominican University. Works on display include watercolor and oil paintings, plus calligraphy and collage, including Smolenski's floral scenes, which she creates by hammering flowers and leaves into paper to transfer the pigment, and then enhancing the images with watercolor and ink.

Young at Art is one of a series of exhibits by area artists at St. Matthew Center for Health. In addition to hosting art shows, St. Matthew provides ongoing art programs for its residents, bringing in professional artists for workshops, classes and art therapy.

St. Matthew Center for Health, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), is a skilled nursing facility offering long-term care, rehabilitation services, respite care, hospice care and a specialized dementia unit.

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