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## Pals artwork on display at Pines Village

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VALPARAISO | Mary Ann Pals, a pastel and charcoal artist from Chesterton, will have a solo exhibit of her artwork at a new gallery in Pines Village Retirement Community Center from March 7 through April 15.

The opening reception will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday with a gallery talk given by Pals in the adjacent theater beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The reception is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Pals' artwork will include her large floral pastel series inspired by the artwork of Georgia O'Keeffe, and drawings and paintings of landscapes that include water. Some of her water pieces feature the Great Lakes while others like "Passage" have a waterfall in them.

"Since I live so near Lake Michigan, doing landscapes that include water seems a natural choice for me," she said. "I will be speaking in my gallery talk about inspiration for particular pieces of my artwork on exhibit."

Artwork of all sizes will be included in this exhibit, from a huge close-up of a zucchini blossom measuring 34 square inches to a 5 x 7 miniature of a Lake Superior sunset.

Pals is a member of three national pastel societies, has won numerous local, national and international awards for her artwork, and gives art lessons at the Chesterton Art Center where she is on their board of directors. Pines Village Retirement Community is located at 3303 Pines Village Circle. Gallery hours for this exhibit are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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