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## Fox Run at Orchard Park Hosts Orchard Park Senior Center Artist Opening

Three Senior Center Watercolor Classes Showcase Immense Talent

ORCHARD PARK NY: Fox Run CEO Bill Wlodarczyk welcomes 20 talented Senior Center 'students' for their first art exhibit. The Orchard Park Community Senior Center may be in a new location and building, though the artistic talent is well seasoned.

A pandemic nor typical new building delays couldn't table this artistic collaboration that has been in the making since 2019. According to Wlodarczyk, the Community Art Gallery at Fox Run supports the arts with four artist openings annually. This partnership, however, was extra special, featuring 20 local painters offering them their first public exhibit.

Maria Galley OP Senior Center Executive Director, Dan Meyer noted watercolorist, instructor, and Michelle Wilson Bermingham Fox Run Advertising & Marketing Specialist worked together to create this impressive 82-piece show. The paintings on display range from beginner to advanced, not two artist styles alike, and a lot of personality. This show is open to the public 9am – 6pm daily, through May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bermingham excitedly said, "Friday afternoon, the day after the presentation, I had two different Fox Run Community Members tell me they had signed up for art classes at the Senior Center! They had both left the reception completely motivated and ready to pick up where they had left off years ago, as well as finding the courage to try something new."

According to Bermingham, prior to the gallery opening in 2010, the space was used to store assistive walking devices during the dinner rush at Fox Run. With a creative eye, the addition of gallery lighting, the gallery came into existence. A milestone for Fox Run, the gallery is currently celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> artist opening.

For more information regarding the Orchard Park Senior Center, watercolor classes, and daily schedule, please contact Maria Galley at 716.662.6452. For information on Fox Run or the art gallery, Michelle Wilson Bermingham can be reached at mbermingham@foxrunorchardpark.com.

Fox Run at Orchard Park is the premier Continuing Care Retirement Community in the Southtowns. Independent living Community Members at Fox Run, should they need it, have access to on-site assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing, with no increase in monthly costs. Fox Run is home to a newly expanded, remodeled, and state-of-the-art, in-patient physical, occupational and speech therapy rehabilitation center. This multiplex Health Center provides ample space for our extensive therapy programs. All facilities, amenities, apartments, and patio homes are located on a picturesque, well-maintained 54-acre campus in the heart of Orchard Park.

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