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### Wednesday

September 7, 2005

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#### On display

#### Lansing Art Gallery

113 S. Washington  
Square in Lansing

(517) 374-6400

[www.lansingartgallery.org](http://www.lansingartgallery.org)

#### Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 10  
a.m.-4 p.m.,  
Saturday and first  
Sunday of the month  
1-4 p.m.

#### Artist demonstration schedule, 12-2 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

**Thursday** - Deb  
Oliva, Pottery on the  
Wheel

**September 22** -  
Martha Bishop, Felted  
Wool

**October 6** - Mary  
Rappuhn, Spinning

**October 20** - Carrie  
Unterbrink, Quilting

**November 3** - Kelly  
Boyle, Screenprinting

**November 17** - Lisa  
Snider, Silver Jewelry

**December 1** -  
Jewelry  
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Nicki Rose,  
Felt-making

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## Gallery adjusts to new downtown digs

By [JACQUELINE WAYNEGUILTE](#)

The State News

The Lansing Art Gallery has spent almost one year in its new downtown location drawing more patrons than before, gallery shop Manager Barb Whitney said.

The gallery moved to 113 S. Washington Square in Lansing last October from its former location on the corner of Shiawassee and Capitol streets.

"Our move downtown made a big change. We can touch so many more people," Whitney said.

She said many people that work near the Capitol can now stop by the gallery on their lunch breaks and get exposure to art.

"I am hoping it becomes a place for people to come to be surrounded by art," Whitney said.

The gallery boasts a variety of offerings for the public to see and experience. All of the artists showcased at the Lansing Art Gallery are Michigan artists.

"One of my goals has been to create an awareness that we're here so people can come see what's going on in Michigan art now," Director Cathy Babcock said.

The Lansing Art Gallery is more than 40 years old, and the oldest nonprofit gallery in Lansing. However, the original gallery had to make due without a permanent building, showing work in the Lansing Community College cafeteria or in the upstairs of a downtown restaurant. In 1975, the gallery was able to purchase a building at Shiawassee and Capitol streets, but finally moved to its more prominent location in October 2004.

The gallery has a variety of classes for children and adults year-round. The gallery is still putting together a schedule for this fall but will be available soon.

There are also artist demonstrations put on for free from 12-2 p.m. on select Thursdays. Deb Oliva will be giving a pottery on wheel demonstration this Thursday.

Artist Suzanne Clements, whose work is on exhibit in the Mezzanine Gallery until September 30, said she believes the gallery is important to the artistic community in greater Lansing.

"They have a good understanding of the fundamental aspect," Clements said. "Even if you aren't an artist you should swing by for an artistic demo or you can meet the artists."

Typically in May, the Lansing Art Gallery holds the Art Scholarship Alert, a competition for Lansing-area high school students.

"For most of them that's the first time they've had a piece in a gallery," said Whitney.

The first floor is a collection of more than 150 Michigan artists' works for sale or for lease. The variety of artwork is far-reaching. A customer can buy \$3 chapstick by Alexandra Raven or lease paintings by Barbara Hranilovich for \$200 per month. There is pottery, jewelry, photography, watercolor paintings, sculpture, fiber artwork and furniture.

Customers interested in investing in art have the option of leasing or purchasing most of the pieces there. The art for lease can be purchased anywhere from \$15 to \$200 depending on the final sale product. Art for sale can range from \$10 to \$3,000.

Whitney said the most important part of the gallery is just informing the public about art.

"People call in and ask the most interesting questions about art," she said. "We direct them for whatever they need."

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