

# Evergreen - a Gallery of Art

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Thanks to the work of the Evergreen Art Committee, Evergreen is a gallery of fine art from door to door!

Under the chairmanship of Village resident Bill Urbrock and with the help of a dedicated group of Manor Apartment and Village residents, the Art Committee has brought a new level of interest to the lounges, hallways, common areas and even to the outdoor campus of Evergreen. The beautiful copper and brass kinetic sculpture in Garden Grove created by Wisconsin artist Dave Riemer was one of the first major purchases of the committee under Bill's leadership.



***"Tornado"***  
**by Dave Riemer**

The committee has been working to update our collections and often replaces artwork of lesser interest with fresh items. Their focus is on local Wisconsin artists as much as possible with favorite subjects being nature and people. When Bill attended a Leading Age national convention, he learned that "bringing the outdoors in can be healing and makes people feel better when they have the feeling of being surrounded by nature. Art reflects that."

*Resident Betsy Comstock had a "welcome surprise" when she moved into her Manor North apartment two years ago. Her niece was the first to notice that just outside her door were two original floral watercolors painted by Betsy's grandmother Emma Comstock!*

Evergreen is very appreciative of the many items that have been donated or loaned to our community over the years. Currently several pieces are on loan from the extensive art collection of resident Braxton



***"Lorette in a Blue Blouse"***  
**by Joann Kindt**

Patterson. Resident June Chionchio has allowed Evergreen to display two of her original landscapes in the new Commons hallway. A large collection of original oil paintings by Joann Kindt, former Evergreen resident, are on loan from her niece and are now on exhibit in the Lower Level near Manor Mart.

*Charles Peterson is a Door County artist known for his Memories collection depicting barely visible figures as recalled from his youth. If you look closely, you may be able to find 16 shadowing figures swimming, diving, fishing, and playing within one of his Memories prints displayed in Manor North.*

Occasionally the Art Committee purchases items. They put their heads together over a computer screen to peruse and purchase art prints on-line, or a member may find an attractive piece at an art show, gallery or exhibit. Bill and his wife Barbara often travel to Door County where they have found several treasures at reasonable prices.

Some of the artists whose work is featured at Evergreen include:

- Georgia O'Keefe, well-known artist originally from Wisconsin, on display in Garden Terrace
- Nile Behncke, life-long Oshkosh resident, former Director of the Oshkosh Public Museum, and landscape watercolor artist, on display in Manor North and South
- Winslow Homer, famous illustrator, painter and watercolor artist, on display in Manor South
- Claude Monet, whose prints grace the corridor outside the newly renovated Commons
- Gerhart CF Miller, whose prints and originals are displayed in several locations including Manor North and Manor View
- Judi Ekholm, whose framed flower tiles can be seen in the elevator 4 alcove on the Lower Level
- Paul Dominguez, whose colored pencil drawings on wood can also be found in the elevator 4 alcove on the Lower Level



*Untitled Flowers by  
Judi Ekholm*



*"Dancing Crane"  
by Paul Dominguez*

The Art Committee gathers for working meetings on an "as needed" basis. A budget from the Residents Council is matched by Evergreen, providing the necessary funds for the committee to purchase new art and have art pieces framed appropriately to showcase their beauty.

Residents interested in joining the Art Committee may contact:

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*Untitled Watercolor  
by Nile Behncke*