

Maine Medical Center is pleased to host a new exhibit featuring Maine artist Janice L. Moore.

The hospital's new arts and humanities program addresses the positive impact art can have for patients, staff, and caregivers, as well as those visiting the hospital. It also speaks of the power art can have on our ability to heal and be well.

Moore says of the pieces included in the exhibit, "They are portals. No matter what is going on in your world, you can go to this place and you are all right here." This is how art has helped in the artist's own life, and why she creates her work. "I remember being a patient right here at Maine Med as a little girl," Moore says. "At the time, I had no escape route, which I was desperately searching for, only dull green walls. Making art for me is a way to take control in a world I don't often have control of. I make a place where everything is okay. There is light and order and balance. It's an amazing opportunity for my work to be here at Maine Medical Center. It completes the circle for me in a very positive way, which I am just thrilled about."

The exhibit will run through July 2010 at the Dana Center 22 Bramhall Street, Portland. All of the pieces displayed are for sale; a portion of the proceeds will benefit The Arts at Maine Medical Center.

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Googin's Island, Freeport by Janice L. Moore