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## **PAINTINGS AND PRINTS ON DISPLAY AT PROVIDENCE ST. VINCENT JUNE THROUGH AUGUST**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – The Beaverton Arts Program is showcasing the work of Liz Thoresen on the second floor of Providence St. Vincent Medical Center (9205 Southwest Barnes Rd) during the months of June through August. The art display is located between the Heart Center and café. All artwork included is for sale.

### **Liz Thoresen**

Liz Thoresen has a degree in Fine Art with an emphasis in Ceramics. She worked as a middle school and high school art teacher in Australia for seven years and enjoyed teaching and sharing her love of art with others. From 1989 to 2014 Thoresen and her husband owned and operated a veterinary clinic in Hillsboro, Oregon. During that time, she painted many pet portraits for clients and felt honored to be a part of that special bond that exists between man and animal. Her goal was to capture the animal's spirit. Thoresen took great pleasure in watching the owner's eyes as they unwrapped the portrait for the first time and how their eyes reflected the love they shared with their animal.

It was not until she had a dedicated space of her own five years ago that she could immerse herself in her passion of painting. Since retiring in late 2014, she has been able to devote her full attention to creating art. Her artwork is diverse and reflects her love of a wide variety subject matter, media, and techniques. Her current focus is on color and the great beauty of the state of Oregon which provides constant inspiration and is reflected in her vibrant landscapes.

Thoresen is a member of the Oregon Society of Artists, Watercolor Society of Oregon, and International Society of Experimental Artists. She has been published in Quotes Illustrated and Inspirational Quotes Illustrated by Lesly Riley, and her painting, "Gizmo," was on the cover of Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association in February 2015. For more information, visit [www.lizthoresen.com](http://www.lizthoresen.com) or [www.facebook.com/Liz-Thoresen-Art-135647229826960/notifications/](https://www.facebook.com/Liz-Thoresen-Art-135647229826960/notifications/).

This public art exhibit is the result of a partnership among Providence Center on Aging, Providence St. Vincent Medical Center and the Beaverton Arts Program. The artwork on exhibit, which changes quarterly, highlights the vast resource of creativity and culture of the older adults of Washington County. For information about purchasing a piece of art, please call 503-526-2376 and you will be referred directly to the artist. (Artists do not pay any fees or commission to exhibit in this public space, and none of the partner agencies receives any revenue from the exhibit.)

### **OTHER Locations: Display Schedule Varies**

The Beaverton Arts Program also has revolving art exhibits at The Beaverton Building (12725 SW Millikan Way), Beaverton City Library – Main (12375 SW 5th Street), Beaverton City Library at Murray Scholls (11200 SW Murray Scholls Place, Suite 102), Cedar Hills Recreation Center (11640 SW Park Way), Progress Ridge New Seasons (14805 SW Barrows Road), Bogza Coffee

(12600 SW Crescent St., #100), and the Artisan Salon (4430 SW Lombard Avenue). For more information, contact Kourtnee Buechner at 503-526-2376 or [kbuechner@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:kbuechner@BeavertonOregon.gov).

#### ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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**Caption 1:** Works like “Early Morning Clamming” by Liz Thoresen will be on display at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center (9205 Southwest Barnes Rd) from June through August. All artwork included is for sale. (photo/Liz Thoresen).