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AAI Artwork Adorns the Walls

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Although not new for the walls of the Seeley Swan Medical Center, patients will now be treated to an intimate gallery showing for a single artist when they visit the facility.

Alpine Artisans, Inc. is continuing the tradition of displaying local artists' artwork at the medical center, according to AAI member Ken Dvorak. But unlike prior years, only a single artist will be featured at one time. This will bring a more unified look to the display and provide viewers with a more comprehensive feel for the artist's work.

Artwork will be rotated bi-monthly and although the artwork will be predominantly two dimensional – like photography, watercolor, fabric art and oil – it may include some 3D pieces like those of AAI member Patricia Robinson Grant, according to Dvorak. Dvorak is presently the artist on display; his work will be showcased through the end of February.

Dvorak is an outdoor nature photographer. "I try to make it fine art photography...by taking pictures that someone else would like to hang on their walls," said Dvorak. He started taking photographs in the late 1960s and now it's become a fulltime hobby.

Dvorak retired to Seeley Lake with his wife, two cats and dog in 2005, and he primarily focuses on capturing the beauty of the valleys. "I like to be outside and take memories of what's out there."

Dvorak's pieces are also on display at Pop's Family Restaurant, Littlebird's and Grizzly Claw Trading Company. In addition to matted and framed prints, Dvorak has a line of greeting cards. Pieces may be purchased from these galleries or at Dvorak's gallery, One Hand Clapping in Seeley Lake, 406-677-2783, www.kendvorakphotography.com.

The featured artist for March & April will be Merrily Dunham, whose pieces include watercolor, pen & ink drawings and wire sculptures.



A selection of Ken Dvorak's photographs on display at the Seeley-Swan Medical Center; river rock lamp by Beth Taylor.