

Local artists open gallery at Totem Mall

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Six local artists have joined together to open the Totem Gallery in the Totem Mall which will be open from Oct. 10 to the end of December.

The store is located where Coffee Classics used to be, next to Top 40. Five of the artists, Cindy Vincent, Beth Ardill, Susan Wuthrich, Helen Smith and Audrey Gaddy are following the lead of Donaldda Grassie, who has sold her work in this way for several years now, in addition to the shows that many artists participate in every year.

"There should be quite a range of work available from the different artists," said Cindy Vincent. "We'll probably keep painting steadily for the next three months to keep a fresh and continual supply of work."

A wide variety of work is available, from sculptures by Audrey Gaddy, to greeting cards and prints by Donaldda Grassie. Local scenes abound, and Cindy Vincent's paintings of ducks and swans provide contrast and variety between the scenic works.

Lynn Moyer from Ducks Unlimited will be hired to run the store for the three months. Vincent said that Moyer is a really good salesperson and has a lot of good ideas which will benefit all the artists.

"Even in big cities, artists have trouble selling their work, because there's so much competition. It's been nice here. The local people support local artists. Even if people don't buy the work, it's nice to go into a store and see the paintings," said Vincent.

The artists' store officially opened on Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.



The six local artists who joined together to open the Totem Gallery are: (from left) Donaldda Grassie, Audrey Gaddy, Helen Smith, Cindy Vincent, Susan Wuthrich and Beth Ardill.

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