

Local artists cure winter blues at show

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Two local artists are being featured in a two-person show at the Clair E. Smith Art Gallery at Barrington High School, 616 W. Main St.

"Interpretations of Nature" by Stephanie Nadolski and ceramics by Laura Barov offer a touch of radiant nature to cure those winter blues.

Nadolski's works blossom from the mysterious and beautiful places she visits.

Costa Rica is one of her favorite locations and a source of creative inspiration. Echoes of Costa Rican and Caribbean jungles and reefs, Mayan relics of Mexico and the coasts and prairie of America are evident in Nadolski's works.

Tropical flowers are often featured, including those she grows right here in the Barrington area.

"My artwork is interpretative. I take lots of photographs," Nadolski said.

This approach helps her get better impressions of her subjects. She then blends handmade papers and found objects with monotypes and paintings.

The resulting artwork is layered, creating a two-dimensional piece with lots of relief, lots of texture.

"I create semi-abstract," she explained.

Barov's enchanting ceramics are also inspired by nature. She creates hand-built works as well as wheel-thrown pieces.

A base of science and art degrees developed a unique insight for Barov.

"The study of science and nature has given me a sense that these forms are created like the biological process of growth," she said. "I strive to create an honest articulated form that exhibits spontaneity, natural balance and fullness of volume."

The fusion of vision and skill has won the admiration of critics and the public. Barov is listed among today's 300 best ceramic artists in "The Ceramic Design Book" and has been featured in "The Best of Pottery."

The public is invited to the gallery reception to meet these two talented artists from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

The show continues through March 12. For details, call (847) 842-3214.

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