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### **Mosaic Artist Vaiju Saraf Creates Colorful Exhibit at YMCA Community Gallery**

**Northbrook, IL:** Distinctive and unique mosaic artwork is the focus of a new exhibit in the North Suburban YMCA's Community Gallery beginning August 1. Colorful pieces by local artist Vaiju Saraf will be on display in the Gallery's 3D case on the Y's lower level. Her work is available for purchase, with a portion of proceeds supporting Visual Arts Programs at the Y.

Saraf decided to pursue her passion for art as a vocation following a long corporate career in the tech world. A love of painting was enhanced by travels to Turkey and Spain, where she was inspired to take up the creation of mosaic art. She has participated in advanced workshops at the Chicago Mosaic School and contributed to a public art project at the Cook County Central Health Center in Chicago. Her work can be seen on the Facebook page for her studio, The Red Maple.

Her work reflects her deep attachment to nature as well as her varied travel experiences. "I love to observe the obviously beautiful and sometimes quirky scenes of the places I travel to," she notes. "I traveled extensively during my corporate job, visiting about 20 countries. This gave me a broad, global outlook which I always try to include in my work."

Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the NSYMCA's Community Gallery provides artists in the northern suburbs with the opportunity for artists to share their creations with the public. Paintings, prints, photographs, and other works are displayed in month-long exhibits. For information about participating as a Community Gallery artist, contact Cathie Winnie, [cwinnie@nsymca.org](mailto:cwinnie@nsymca.org).



*Photo Caption: Artist Vaiju Saraf combines mosaic creations with sculptural elements to create unique multimedia works. See selections of her art at the North Suburban YMCA in August.*

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Celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018/19, the North Suburban YMCA provides individuals in Northbrook and 15 surrounding communities with programs and tools that help them become healthier, more connected, and confident, ensuring that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. The NSYMCA focuses on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility and is a charitable organization, inclusive and welcoming to all in our community. Learn more at [NSYMCA.org](#).