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New Exhibit by Two Local Artists Opens in YMCA Community Gallery

Show includes landscape and composite art and photography

Northbrook, IL: June 2022 – North Suburban YMCA’s Community Gallery is showcasing local artists Judy Katz and Rick Katz throughout the month of June. All paintings and photographs are for sale with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Y’s Visual Arts Program.

Judy Katz began her art studies after her 2002 retirement as a special education administrator, and in 2008, became interested in acrylic inks. Then, while serving as Artist in Residence in the Petrified National Forest, Arizona, Judy was inspired by the colors of the petrified trees. Feeling that this palette would be excellent for paintings, she began to create original interpreted works based on what she observed in the park. Many of her paintings were inspired by the residency experience and other natural environments. She also developed more abstract techniques with acrylic paints in art classes.

Rick Katz has been taking photographs for many years, beginning with a Brownie box-camera and eventually migrating to the digital world. His favorite subjects are parks (national, state, local, and tribal) plus any place nature is on display. Rick also captures macro, portrait, event and food images. In this exhibit, Rick has selected views from various locations around the United States, with the hope of bringing the viewer the excitement and power of the scenes displayed. He hopes viewing these images will encourage travel and appreciation of the natural beauty found around the US.

The North Suburban YMCA's Community Galleries support the local arts community by giving it a place to show and sell their works. For more information about the gallery, contact Cathie Winnie at cwinnie@nsymca.org.

About the [North Suburban YMCA](#)

The North Suburban YMCA services Northbrook and 14 surrounding communities with programs and tools that help its residents 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.



CAPTION: North Suburban YMCA's Community Gallery is showcasing Judy Katz's paintings.



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