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Arkport Artist Partners with St. James Mercy

March 14, 2011...Hornell, NY...The connection between St. James Mercy Hospital and the Pullman family stretches from the legacy of the late Dr. James Pullman, a long-time family practitioner in Hornell, to the creation more recently, in 2005, of the Pullman Women's Health and Birthing Center.

Now, Arkport, NY artist, Jay Pullman, is drawing another line of connection. Starting this month, Pullman is exhibiting a series of prints in the medical offices of Drs. Adrian Ashdown, Robert Whelpley, and Virginia Shephard, in the Elm Street (Hornell) Clinic. All the prints are for sale, and the artist has generously pledged to donate sale proceeds to the St. James Mercy Foundation.

"We are thrilled to have these beautiful prints hanging in our offices," said Jennifer Cuddeback, Clinic Supervisor. "They really brighten the environment and inspire our work, and we have had so many positive comments about them from patients and staff alike."

Pullman, a local artist of larger renown, shows his work widely around the greater Hornell area and is expanding into galleries in the Rochester area. A former teacher who came to painting as a passion, he draws inspiration from the natural environment of the Finger Lakes and the Southern Tier and from places as diverse as Provence and Tuscany.

Behind each of his paintings is "a thread of a story," Pullman says, that inspires the piece and also helps connect the viewer to the work of art. "Flash of Red," for instance, captures a cardinal catching a moment's rest atop a woodpile, while "Provence Square" recalls the noontime activities of a city's center square during a visit by the artist and his wife. These prints are on display in the patient care rooms at the Elm Street medical office building, along with four others: "Snow Pansies," "Newfield Family," "Winter Walk," and "Southern Tier Snowstorm," a scene of the Pullman family farm in Hartsville, NY.

"St. James Mercy is honored to be the recipient of the Pullmans' generosity in this unique way," said Mary LaRowe, President and CEO. "The opportunity to display works of art in our facilities benefits us all, and I hope community residents will take time to enjoy Jay's work."

The Elm Street Clinic is located at 20 Elm Street in Hornell, NY. Offices are open from Monday through Friday from 8.00am-5.00pm. The prints will be on display through the end of August.

More information about Jay Pullman's work is available at pullmanpaintings.com. More information about the St. James Mercy Foundation is available from Foundation staff at 607.324.8240, or by visiting www.stjamesmercy.org.



One of Jay Pullman's prints, "Flash of Red", is for sale and on display in the Elm Street (Hornell) Clinic. All proceeds benefit St. James Mercy Foundation.

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