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Watercolors on View at Boerner Botanical Gardens

Hales Corners, WI (Dec. 2, 2015) — Mary Janet Krauska’s scenes from everyday life will be on view in the Garden House of the Boerner Botanical Gardens Dec. 11–Jan. 31. The Botanical Gardens, “Milwaukee County’s Living Museum,” is located at 9400 Boerner Drive.

Krauska, now more than 80 years young, owes her emergence as an artist to a cancelled home-repair course. At age 50, she and a friend were going to take the class together, but when they learned that it was cancelled, they decided to take a watercolor class instead. Krauska had never had art classes growing up, and while working on her medical technology degree, she was able to take only one art appreciation course. The watercolor class at MATC would be Krauska’s first studio art course and the seed of inspiration.

She began visiting the Milwaukee Art Museum, studied the masters, and continued taking classes. Her work evolved.

After some serious health issues, she used painting as the path to recovery.

Referring to the power of the creative process, Krauska, said, “Art is a healthy means of self-expression – poetry of the soul.”

Krauska’s work is on display in the Garden House from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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