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## Painter pours heart into Lakeway City Hall watercolor exhibit

Sylvia Brazell's captivating watercolor paintings will be on display through Feb. 27 at the Lakeway City Hall Art Gallery.

The free exhibit will be open from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. weekdays at the Lakeway City Hall, 1102 Lohmans Crossing.

Brazell uses a "dry" watercolor technique that incorporates detail, dimension and vivid color in her paintings. She prefers variety in her artwork and subjects that stir emotion and fond memories.

Her belief is that a painting should not only blend with decor but be an extension of life experience and interests of the owner.

"A little piece of my heart goes into each painting," Brazell said.

From an early age, her interests revolved around creativity and the arts. Her mother was an artist and her father a gifted musician. Both had significant impacts on her avocations and vocation. She studied art and design and worked in the creative arts sector including advertising and TV, book and media promotion.

Furthering her creative talents, she pursued a career in interior design. She discovered that her exacting nature and unique "colourist" abilities were well suited for the new venture. She formed her own company which was active for 30 years.

When she retired, Brazell returned to her love for painting and chose watercolors as her medium. For this experience she is forever indebted to Johnnie Fields, architect and watercolorist extraordinaire, for his expert teaching and encouragement.

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