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Gallery in the Gunks!

A New Art Gallery Opens In Pine Bush As Flexible Art Space Reshapes Old Shoe Store

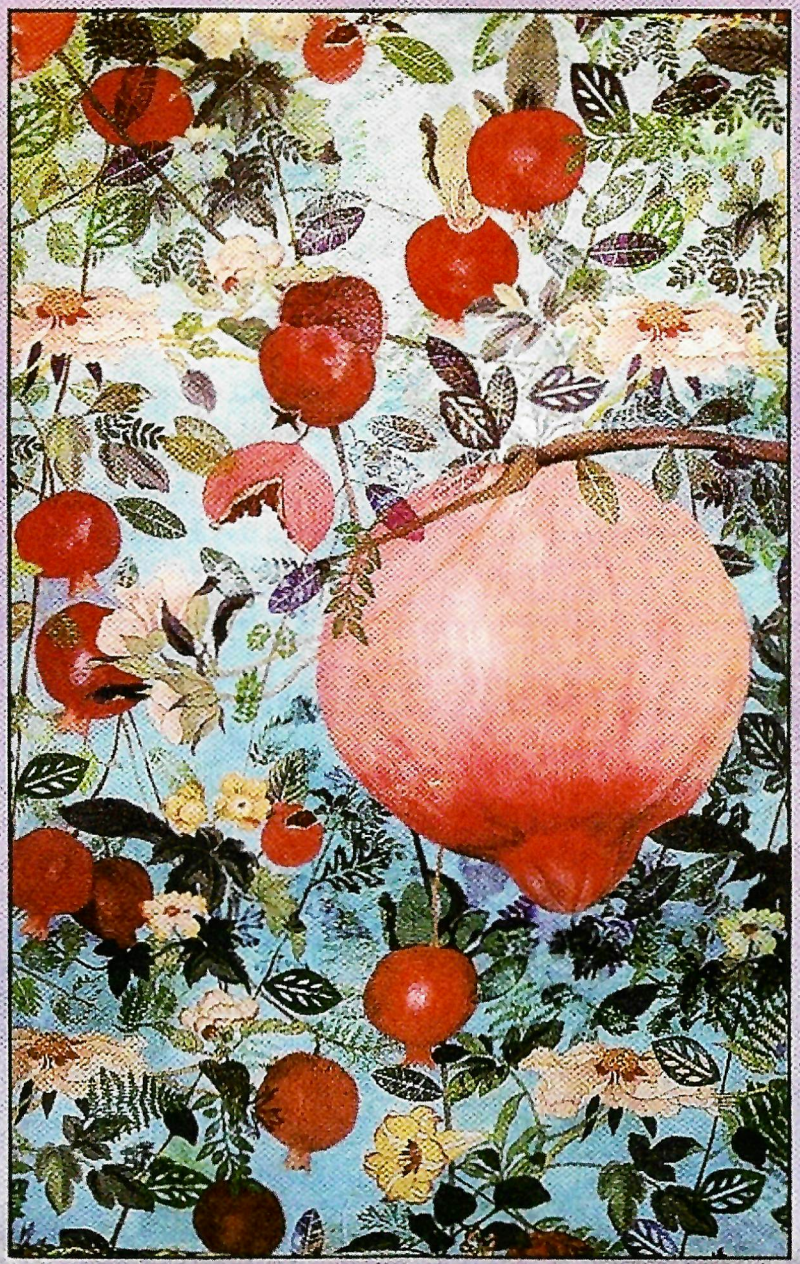
By Chris Rowley

PINE BUSH – There's a new art gallery in the area. Gallery in the Gunks opened just before Thanksgiving with a show of several different artists' work, as well as interesting jewelry from Vincenzo Designs.

The gallery occupies the former shoe store, "Sneakers To Boots" which has been empty for a while now.

The reception drew a good crowd to sip wine and take a look at a variety of different styles of art on view for the space's first exhibit. Stealing the scene were some big, bold works by Jill Ziccardi, who works with paint on patterned fabrics. Her big yellow "Chick" and brilliant pink "Temptation" fairly glowed in the gallery light.

Ziccardi holds a BFA, with honors, from Carnegie Mellon University and a MFA in Painting from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She has been teaching art in New York City and showing regularly for thirty years.



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Ray Zwart and Frank DiCesare are the partners behind the new gallery venture.

"We're looking at this as a flexible space for art of any kind," Zwart said at the recent opening celebration. "We are thinking of poetry readings, installations and events, as well as having wall space for paintings, drawings and photography."

Zwart and DiCesare have been adding on ceramic artists, painters and more jewelers on a nearly daily basis over the last two weeks so if you already think you've been, go again.

The Gallery in the Gunks is located at 90 Main Street in Pine Bush. For more information call them at 699-9378 or visit them on Facebook. Regular hours are Fridays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.