

THE MIRROR *Weekend Section*

Copper Moon Studio Brings An Eclectic Array Of Modern Art To Holland



Offering unique artwork in a wide range of mediums, Copper Moon Studio is open Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Custom designs are available for customers who have something specific in mind.

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Since the opening of Copper Moon Studio last fall, sisters Stacy Wetzel and Amy Lipinski have been sharing their artistic talents with art lovers across the area.

Located at the corner of Front and Clark Streets in Holland, Copper Moon is the result of many years of planning and dreaming by the sisters, who are originally from the Anthony Wayne area.

"Amy always talked about how she wanted to have her own store one day," Wetzel explained.

After graduating from college, both women began to think more seriously about the idea.

Things began falling into place when the sisters stumbled upon the vacant building that now houses their store.

"It's exactly what we were looking for," Wetzel said. "It has that sort of homey feel."

Of course, achieving that feel didn't happen overnight.

In fact, it took 17 weeks of remodeling and countless hours of help from their family and friends to create the finished look of Copper Moon, which features a private art studio upstairs and the store and office downstairs.

Now, over three months have passed since the doors to Copper Moon were opened for the first time, and both women agree that business is good.

"The village of Holland gives us a lot of support," Lipinski said.

Wetzel agreed, explaining that everyone in the community has welcomed them "with open arms."

Calling their partnership a "perfect match," Wetzel explained that her business degree allows her to take care of the business end of things, while Lipinski utilizes her fine arts degree to focus more on the art.

That's not to say, however, that Wetzel doesn't have a strong artistic talent of her own.

In fact, she's designed and created the majority of the stained glass items in the store, which range from funky mirrors to stunning round "discs" of color for display.

Lipinski's artistic scope includes a wide range of mediums, including photography, acrylic paintings, stained glass, mosaics and jewelry pieces, all of which are sold at Copper Moon.

In addition to selling their own pieces of art, Wetzel and Lipinski also dis-



Copper Moon Studio owners and artists Amy Lipinski (left) and Stacy Wetzel are continuing to settle into their new store at the corner of Front and Clark Streets in Holland. Open since November, the studio offers an array of contemporary art.

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play and sell items from several other local artists.

Unique metal sculptures by Richard Maurer are currently on display at Copper Moon, along with sterling silver jewelry and oil paintings by Liz Zorn.

An assortment of knitted purses, scarves, mittens and other accessories by Cherie McNut are also available, as well as acrylic paintings by Tate Miller and custom personalized boxes by Rhonda Danielle.

As signs posted through-

out the store indicate, both Wetzel and Lipinski are also willing to create custom pieces for their customers.

"Custom design is what we've wanted to focus on more," Wetzel said, adding that she's currently working on a mosaic mirror for someone's home bathroom.

"If (customers) have an idea of something they'd like, just ask," she said.

With warmer temperatures just around the cor-

ner, Wetzel and Lipinski are beginning to focus on more outdoor decorations, including stained glass items.

"We're always working on things, so we always have new pieces," Wetzel said.

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