

A gallery for all



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Jennifer Randall poses next to her oil on linen painting of Louise Brooks inside her studio at 7 W. Ave. B.



Above: An oil on canvas painting by Jennifer Randall titled "Monarch Mandala" hangs in her studio. Above right: Likewise on display is an oil on linen painting by Randall titled "La Vida Frida."



Artist has plans to share her work, building space with the community

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Hutchinson might not be Jennifer Randall's hometown community, but the California native is embracing her new home – and trying to do something for her new neighbors.

About a month ago, Randall opened an art gallery and community space in the building she and her husband, Dan Brizendine, own at Avenue B and Main Street.

Passers-by can find the doors opened invitingly, with Randall inside painting, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the summer. Or they can call and make an appointment to view the art.

Currently, Randall's unique artwork adorns the walls. It's for the public's viewing pleasure and also can be taken home at a price.

But that's just the ground floor of Randall's vision for the gallery.

She plans to display other artists' pieces as well. She's currently working on putting together a show of fellow Cal-

ifornia artists that she hopes to debut in February.

Randall also wants the gallery to be used for other types of art – dance performances, poetry readings and the like. She hopes Hutchinson will use the large, open space for receptions and fundraisers and as a place to gather for special events.

She also plans to coordinate art-related events with the Fox Theatre in the future.

"We see this as a community space," she said. "As an open art space to be used in a variety of ways. I use it during the day, and we'd love to see it used at night as well."

Randall said she's been painting for close to 15 years. She hopes her pieces and others' that she plans to display will draw a variety of people to the gallery.

"This is for everybody, not just for me," she said, adding that she very much enjoyed seeing children walk through the gallery during HutchFest. "It was a wonderful feeling to have brought something they could look at. Something they maybe wouldn't see otherwise."

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Visit Jennifer Randall's art studio at 7 W. Ave. B. See some of her work at www.jenniferrandall.net.