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ANTON ART CENTER TO HOST NEW EXHIBIT OF ORIGINAL PAINTINGS BY BARBARA CLAY

Mount Clemens, Mich. – This month, the center's second floor gallery will feature a solo exhibition titled *Barbara Clay: Finding My Way*, an exhibition of over fifty original paintings by artist Barbara R. Clay.

Clay is an artist, student, and explorer. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oakland University and a Teaching Certificate from the Mercy College of Detroit, Waldorf Institute. She worked as a teacher at Chippewa Valley Schools and Glen Lake Community Schools and later in Mount Clemens in business management and ownership.

In just the last ten years, Clay has exhibited her work in 46 exhibitions at 16 galleries and received 23 jury awards, as well as three artwork selections accepted to the permanent collection at Henry Ford Hospital. In her professional art practice, Clay considers herself an 'intuitive painter' and cites several influential mentors: August Gloss, Meighen Jackson, Sally Cooper, and The Thursday Brushes artist group.

Clay's work often displays natural scenery or celebrates a cherished memory or feeling using colorful, contrasting palettes and softened, gestural brushstrokes.

She shares, "My references come mostly from within; I favor leaving the door open to the unknown. My process begins by choosing the colors I want to work with and making initial marks on the canvas. The marks give me something concrete to respond to. I build my paintings through exploration, passion, and persistence."

Clay is a member of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Romeo Guild of Arts, Starkweather Arts Center, and the Mount Clemens Artist Association. She is a retired teacher and life-long Michigan resident.

All are welcome to attend the Opening Reception & Artist Talk on Saturday, October 24th from 1pm to 3pm, with refreshments provided.



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Recent and new works on exhibit are available for sale with a same-day purchase and take-home option available. The collection will be on display to the public at the Anton Art Center from October 24 through December 23, 2026.

Gallery Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Holiday Hours begin on November 14th with the opening of the Holiday Market, which extended hours to add Sundays from 11am-3pm. The collection will be located on the second floor of the Anton Art Center. All are welcome to come enjoy the new exhibit.

For questions or information, visit www.theartcenter.org or call 586-469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, Michigan, with a mission to provide access to experiences that enrich all people through creative expression with a vision to be the Center of creativity.

The Anton Art Center was founded in 1969 in the historic Carnegie Library building in walkable downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan. Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Kresge Foundation, and the Erb Family Foundation.

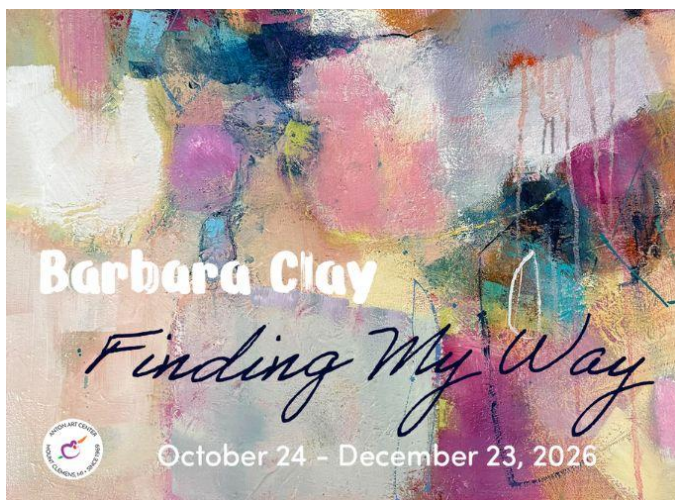
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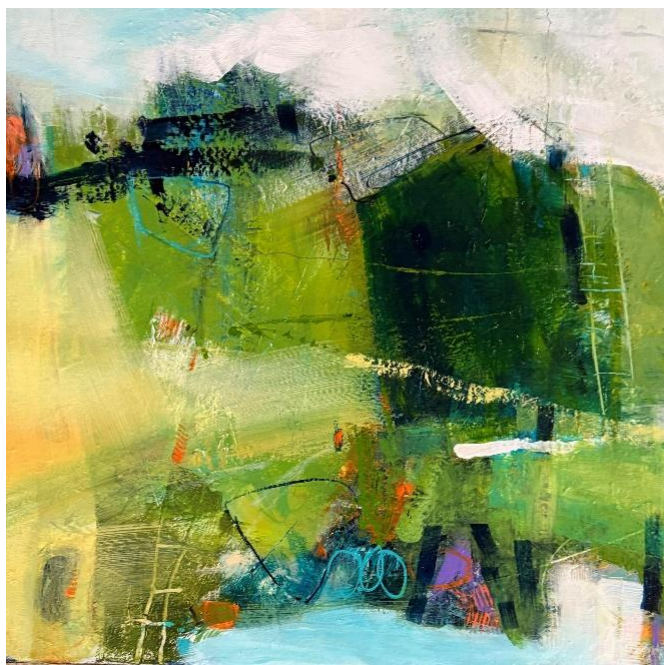
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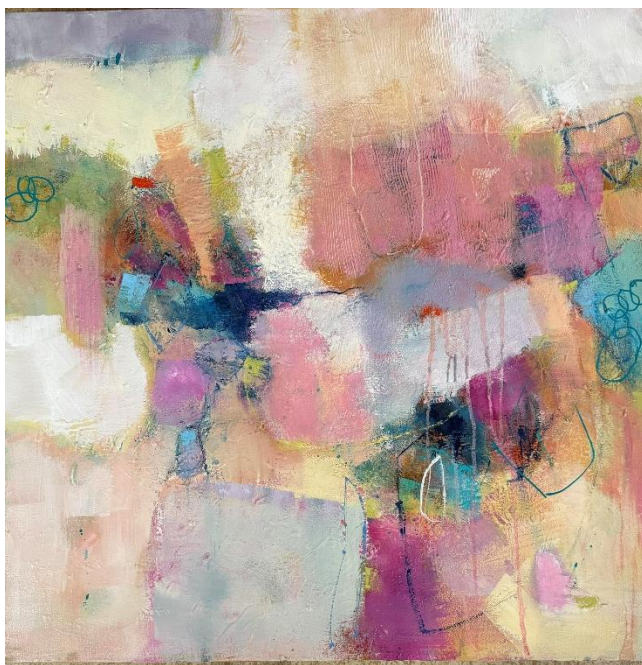
Exhibition postcard.



Barbara Clay photo.



Breathe, Barbara Clay, Acrylic, 24x24 in.



Lila Series, Barbara Clay, Acrylic, 30x30 in.



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