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Ukrainian Eggs Featured at The Gallery at Park Row, Brunswick, Maine

BRUNSWICK, ME – Hand decorated Ukrainian eggs by Tanya Zivkovic are among the new works by VSA arts of Maine artists, on sale through April 14 at The Gallery at Park Row, 185 Park Row, Brunswick, Maine. Her work includes decorated chicken eggs and goose eggs and one ostrich egg covered with painted peacock feathers. The eggs are priced from \$35 - \$150.

The gallery is open "by appointment or by accident" during the spring – call 607-4016 before you come. A map and directions to the Gallery can be found at

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The Gallery at Park Row showcases quality artwork created by Maine artists with disabilities. Other items for sale include fiber art, jewelry, pottery, clay and wooden sculpture, paintings, greeting cards and more.

Tanya Zivkovic first learned the art of Pysanky, or Ukrainian Eggs, while visiting the Festival of Nations in Minneapolis for a school outing. She was immediately drawn to the vibrant color schemes and the intricate geometric patterns, and found the peace and calm of creating the eggs very appealing.

Tanya has lived in Maine on and off since 1998. She has exhibited in the Maine Crafts Association's juried show at the Round Barn Center in Damariscotta, at the Aucocisco Gallery in Portland and at the Governor's Mansion in Augusta. Tanya also works in photography, photomontage, and beaded jewelry and has a background in theatre.

As an artist living with a disability, she finds the following statement very true for herself: "In the moment of artistic creation, you are whole and sane." - The Living Stage Company

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ABOUT *VSA arts of Maine*

VSA arts of Maine is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization providing innovative and inclusive arts, educational and cultural opportunities for children and adults with disabilities in Maine. Programs include artist residencies in schools, workshops for teachers and artists, mentoring for adult artists with disabilities, exhibitions by artists with disabilities, and partnerships with cultural venues throughout the state to improve accessibility.

VSA arts of Maine is part of the *VSA arts* international network, dedicated to promoting education and lifelong learning opportunities in the arts for people with disabilities. Founded in 1974 by Ambassador Sean Kennedy Smith, *VSA arts* is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Formerly named Very Special Arts, *VSA arts* changed its name in 1999, eliminating the use of the word "special" to honor the progress made by members of the disability community since the organization's inception.