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"Divine Inspiration" Exhibit Opens at Moraga Art Gallery

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Acrylic painting "Springtime at Saint Mary's College" by Barbara Hudler Cella Photo provided

The Moraga Art Gallery's new show, "Divine Inspiration," includes paintings of Saint Mary's College by resident artist Barbara Hudler Cella, and stone and glass crochet beadwork by guest artist Mona Bourell.

Cella's inspiration to paint Saint Mary's College began when she happened upon the college entrance when the tree-lined street was ablaze with the brilliance of the spring bloom. The resulting painting sparked more examination of Saint Mary's special places and its shadows and colors.

A Bay Area native, Bourell has pursued her love of beadwork for more than 30 years and refers to her work as a unique vintage technique revived. It wasn't until the mid-1980s, while living in Africa, that Bourell truly found her creative calling, inspired by the brilliantly colorful glass beads she found there.

The show, which runs through June 1, will include works by the gallery's 14 resident artists and several guest artists. The gallery is located in the Rheem Shopping Center at 522 Center Street, Moraga. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www. moragaartgallery.com or call (925) 376-5407.

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