

Vibrant coloring highlights artist's works

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The Uniontown Law Library is presently displaying the works of artist Dr. Radslav Dimitric.

Dimitric, of Pittsburgh, is formerly from Uniontown and is a frequent patron of the library. Two of his original oil paintings are on display at the law library.

"His expression of color is wonderful," assistant law librarian Barbara Pasqua said. "He's very good with colors and he knows how to express his talent."

A professor of mathematics, Dimitric has painted passionately since his youth, capturing on canvas the daily living of his childhood in a village in Serbia.

"I began to paint when I was maybe 6 or 7 in my grandmother's village," Dimitric said. "The teachers were pleased with my work."

Now painting as a hobby, it is not unusual for Dimitric to stop and paint a scene that catches his eye -- as he did with the painting called "Loch Tahoe," a scene he captured while riding by Lake Tahoe in California.

"It was the contrast of hot and cold that I found attractive," Dimitric said. "The flaming fall leaves against the cold of the lake, yet they were at peace with each other as they created this wonderful colorful scene."

Dimitric also displayed a spring scene that was inspired by "Castrovalva," a black and white lithograph done by artist M.C. Escher in 1930.

Again bringing his sense of color to the work, Dimitric painted a similar dual village scene, using vibrant hues.

"His is a depiction of dimensionality," Dimitric said of the original. "This is my interpretation of that lithograph, an expression of my thinking."

Dimitric, a patron of the library, was aware of the Pasqua's desire to bring art to the building,

"Barbara and I talk occasionally when I am here and I mentioned that I paint," Dimitric said, "I think that this is exciting. How many courthouses do you know that display art? She was able to bridge the gap by bringing the art here to the library."

"People are definitely becoming interested," Pasqua said. "They hear about the art or they read about it and they stop in."

The next artist to be displayed will be Margie McKinley of Carmichaels.