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The Barrington Area Library is currently showing *Portals, Places & Abstract Pieces* by local artist Martina Swarbrick. Join the library for an artist's reception, Friday, December 11 at 7 pm. No registration is required.

The artist says of work, "I like to depict images that evoke the feelings of nostalgia of bygone days, the excitement of surroundings and emotions, with unrestricted use of oil on canvas."

Swarbrick was born in Ireland and moved to Barrington, Illinois in the summer of 1998. Her work is marked by Irish scenes with titles such as "Temple Bar, Dublin, Ireland," "Ruined Abbey at Trim, Ireland," but also works such as "Chicago Skyline" and a collection of four oil paintings on canvas entitled "Winter," "Spring," "Summer," and "Fall" that abstractly capture the seasons.

Swarbrick's work is frequently based on photographs of unique windows, storefronts or doorways. *Portals, Places & Abstract Pieces* will be on display at the library through January 2.

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