

Everything Is Beautiful In Its Own Way...

It's easy enough to find beauty in nature, or a painting—but a manhole cover? Most people don't consider the manhole and water covers they encounter daily as anything more than just another aspect of urban life. But Bobbi Mastrangelo of St. James, New York, turns them into works of art that, she believes, can influence action for protection of our heritage and our precious resources.

Now, an exhibit of her unique prints on handmade paper and small sculptures, entitled "Water Works," is on view through December at Pasta Viola Restaurant, 93 Main Street, Stony Brook, NY (516) 689-7755. Ms. Mastrangelo's work, presenting all sizes of manhole and water covers creatively rendered in urban environments, creates a unique dining ambience.

The underlying theme of the "Water Works" exhibit is water conservation, and pride and protection of the environment. Fittingly, the exhibit coincides with the initiation of a recycling program launched by Pasta Viola's proprietor, Chris Kennen, as well as several other shops in the historic Stony Brook complex. For more information on this thought-provoking exhibit of Ms. Mastrangelo's work, call (516) 689-7755.

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Bobbi Mastrangelo shows off some of her unusual manhole-inspired artwork.

