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Festival favorite brings her pet portraits to Grandview library

■ *New Albany artist Dana Keating-Marziale's pastel dog and cat paintings won Best in Show at last year's Lazy Daze fest.*

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Animal lovers will bark for joy over the latest art exhibit at the Grandview Heights Public Library.

Through Feb. 29, New Albany artist Dana Keating-Marziale's pet portraits will be on display at the library, 1685 W. First Ave.

At last year's Lazy Daze of Summer Arts

Festival, Keating-Marziale was selected as the 2011 Best in Show winner.

Ruthanne James, president of the Grandview Heights Marble Cliff Arts Council, said Best in Show winners traditionally are asked to exhibit their work at the library. It gives people the chance to see the artist's work outside of Lazy Daze, she said.

"We're fortunate to work with the library," James said.

Keating-Marziale specializes in commission pastel pet portraits for her business, Two Dog Studio.

She also makes pet-themed jewelry, although the exhibit will feature only her portraits, along with photos of her jewelry.

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"I'm willing to paint any pet," she said.

"Pets give us so much and they do so much ... They hold such a special place in our lives and our families."

Frequently, Keating-Marziale said, her portraits are based on photos of deceased pets the owners want to commemorate.

"A lot of people like (the portrait) as a memento of their pets," she said.

"My goal is to have people, when they see that portrait, to have that connection to their pet."

Although she always has enjoyed creating art, Keating-Marziale said she became a professional artist only about eight or nine years ago. She was an attorney before that, she said.

When she was between jobs, she took painting courses and the instructor encouraged her to try pastels.

Later, while recovering from surgery, Keating-Marziale said she got involved with her art and began seeing it as a possible profession.

"I just thought, 'I can do this,' and I did," she said.

Keating-Marziale currently is working on a website, dogsbydana.com, expected to launch soon. She has two dogs: Teddy, a golden retriever; and Sophie, a "pound

puppy."

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.