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Former supermarket becomes art gallery

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The Morini Art Gallery in Mansfield. (submitted)

Facility bears name of Morini family

MANSFIELD - The Mansfield Music & Arts Society has just opened the Morini Art Gallery at 377 North Main St.

The gallery is located in the building that was once the Morini Super Market, which operated in Mansfield from 1927 to 1975. It was run by Mario Morini and his family after they immigrated to America in 1907.

The inaugural show features works from artist Dorothy Palanza, who grew up in Mansfield.

She founded a design studio called Colorfields in New York City in 1992, moved it to Berlin in 1999, and then to Provincetown in 2008. She has since been involved as a curator of Paintings and Prose, a fine art gallery in Charlottesville, Va. It's affiliated with the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, representing artists with and without disabilities including hosting exhibits of established artists and new work by returning injured service members and veterans. Her most recent show "Menopause: Meeting and Myth," was exhibited at the Frauenmuseum in Bonn, Germany, Europe's most prominent women's art museum.

Along with her works are pieces by her brothers, Willie and Tom Palanza. The show will be displayed in the Morini Gallery until mid-November. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is maintained on a volunteer basis and appointments are recommended if you are travelling any distances to view the show. Call MMAS at 508-339-2822.

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