

GRYMES HILL

Duo of dad and daughter mount exhibit

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Artist Dennis Sheheen knew his daughter, Keri, had an eye for art from an early age.

The Egbertville resident can recall many a time when she doodled in her notebooks and when she held a paint brush for the first time. Now, this father-daughter duo is sharing wall space together for their first collaborative art show, debuting at Wagner College's Spotlight Gallery this weekend.

"We've always been involved in shows together, like the Fence Show at the Staten Island Museum," Keri told the Advance. "But we've never had one exclusively together. I think it'll be fun to show what we've been working on."

"He taught me everything I know and my influence comes from being surrounded by art my whole life," Keri continued.

The show consists of the work Dennis and Keri have done separately, as well as some collaborative pieces. Dennis told the Advance that the work he will be displaying was done while he was on dialysis.

"It was extremely difficult, but worth it," said Dennis. "It forces me to do something other than just lay there."

It seems that whatever the Sheheens do, they do as a family. While her husband and daughter create art on canvases, Joan Sheheen takes her artistic side to the kitchen.

Joan owns the local cake shop Mother Mousse. And, in true family fashion, Dennis designed the logo.

When talking to the Sheheens, one can't help but feel the genuine appreciation Dennis and Keri have for each other and their art.

"There are some pieces in this show we've worked on together," said Dennis. "We get ideas from each other. Nobody else gets me. She just, does."

The collection will stay up until Aug. 28. Wagner College's Spotlight Gallery is located at 631 Howard Ave. in Grymes Hill. For gallery hours and information, visit Wagner.edu/art/galleries.



The father-daughter team of Dennis and Keri Sheheen are hosting an art show at Wagner College's Spotlight Gallery in Grymes Hill that runs through Aug. 28 *Courtesy/Keri Sheheen*