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Who says art doesn't exist in Bryan-College Station? In a special showing, the works of local artist Margit Ilika will be on display from Dec. 15-21. Staff writer Jay Blinderman talks to Ilika, who denies she is a victim of hazing.

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the job for four months, in the midst of a reorganization effort that she hopes will

whole area. The facade for Donna's Ceramics has been redone (top photo), yet scenes like the one at left exist just around the corner.