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Jane Corich has two paintings in the upcoming "Untitled" exhibit at the Lawler House, in Suisun City. (Robinson Kuntz/Daily Republic)

## **Corich a perfect fit for Lawler's new 'Untitled' exhibit**

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SUISUN CITY — The new Lawler House Gallery exhibit is a perfect fit for artist Jane Corich.

“Untitled” opens this weekend.

On Tuesday, the Walnut Creek resident stood before one of her paintings that will be featured. It, too, is untitled.

She prefers viewers decide on a name.

“Everyone sees something different,” she said. “I don’t want to pigeonhole it.”

Corich sometimes posts her work on Facebook, asking her Facebook friends to suggest a moniker.

“It’s interesting to see what other people see,” she said.

She grew up loving art and learned to sew from her mother, a seamstress. Corich began working in the fashion industry after graduating from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. Today, she sews costumes for Bay Area theater companies and does illustrations for a shoe company.

Fashion remains a passion and both jobs keep her involved in the ever-evolving scene.

Less of her time is being spent on painting and quilting.

“I love them,” she said of the latter. “It’s like painting with fabric. You use the same parameters with color, composition and construction.”

Painting, she added, is total freedom.

“No one can tell you what to paint, what color to use,” she said.

She strives to paint each day, but life can get in the way, particularly as theater openings are close.

When someone asks her how to determine if they are done with a painting, Corich’s answer is a question.

“Did you fall in love with it?” she asks.

If the answer is yes, the work is done, she said.

Corich has a home studio where she can work, and said she makes sure she does something creative each day. It was one of the requirements when she moved from Oakland 15 years ago.

She learned about the Suisun City gallery from fellow Lawler House Gallery artist Linda Bodie. Corich fell in love on her first visit to the historic house.

“I love the ageless feel of this building,” she said. “I grew up in a home like this. It feels homey to me.”

Once she met more of the artists, her view was reinforced.

She commutes to the gallery for events and to do docent work. Corich, who is also featured in Bay Area exhibits, said she has no reason to walk away from the Lawler House Gallery.

“When I’m a docent, it’s the only time I’m forced to sit in one place for a certain amount of hours,” she said.

Corich doesn’t have a favorite artist, saying she appreciates all and can learn from everyone.

“I want to be my own person,” she said.

She’s one of five children born to parents who emigrated from China. Her siblings are also creative via writing, painting and photography.

The mother of two college students, Corich meets monthly with a group of fellow artists in Beyond the Brush. The time is spent connecting and critiquing each other’s work.

Sometimes, there’s a demonstration of new techniques.

“I’m always looking for new things to experiment with,” she said.

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### **“Untitled”**

- Through July 30
- Lawler House Gallery, 718 Main St., Suite 101, Suisun City
- Open noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday
- Reception is 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday
- Free admission
- [www.lawlerhousegallery.org](http://www.lawlerhousegallery.org)
- [www.janecorich.com](http://www.janecorich.com)