

*Just over a year ago, you would have been standing in the waiting room of my practice as a family physician. Over 3,000 patients have come through here over 18 years. While we have now moved to a bigger location, this place still holds a lot of history for me.*



*One patient, Heinz Gaugle, now deceased, was an amazing artist. He created the stained glass pieces that grace the windows. When it came time to move, I could not leave them behind. So, it occurred to me to create a gallery around them so that this space can continue to evolve and be used for the benefit of the community...*

*I have recently been exposed to Art as Therapy. I have seen oncology patients improve their pain threshold through art and in the evolution of their work, I have witnessed their emotional release.*

*We all aspire to this feeling of calm and peace and I hope this spirit will stay alive within these walls.*

*Medicine is my career, but art is my passion.*

*I have always painted but I feel this is the time to show my art and to share this space with other artists. My aim is to give this gallery a professional and contemporary edge that will make it unique in Niagara.*

*A Mano Libera means Free Hand in Italian – which is my heritage.*

*Welcome*

*Santina Malaguti*

