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It's official: Scarsdale artist settles into new gallery

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In the months since she moved into her 2,000-foot Mamaroneck studio, Scarsdale artist Jill Krutick has felt her creativity surge. Her 2D paintings have moved into a more sculptural place, evolving into layered, large-scale works like “Dance of the Caterpillars” and “Phoenix.”

Working over a tarp draped along the floor of the studio, Krutick applies a light molding paste to her canvas before carving shapes with a palette knife, a flexible, steel blade traditionally used to mix paint.

On June 14, the Mamaroneck Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Scarsdale artist.

“The reaction has been phenomenal,”

she said. “I’ve been really, really excited about it.”

Krutick moved into the space at the top of the year and immediately settled into the community. She hopes to add to the studio’s list of uses by offering it as an option for local businesses and charities to host events, “a way to really bring the community together.”

Warmed by natural light — and an artificial lighting system at night — the gallery offers roughly 30 of Krutick’s works, including some she created in the same space.

Krutick is in the studio virtually seven days a week and offers gallery hours by appointment. At that time, she clears out her paint-splattered tarp, relocates her fluffy dog and “assistant” Rocket and

opens up her doors to the public.

Through that transformation, one constant is Krutick’s musical program. Whether used as a studio or a gallery, the space is always filled with the music Krutick grew up on, mostly soft, contemporary rock from artists like Bowie, Prince and Billy Joel.

Those themes emerge within the frame of Krutick’s art, too. Studying piano for many years, her paintings are lyrical in nature, and sometimes include nods to her musical past, like rogue C clefs.

Other inspirations include dreamscapes, mythical creatures, and even the classic children’s book “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault.



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The Mamaroneck Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Jill Krutick at her Mamaroneck gallery, Jill Krutick Fine Art, located at 425 Mount Pleasant Ave., on June 14.