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Sculpture exhibition encouraging early detection opens at Steeplechase Center

Opening reception is Saturday; show runs through Oct. 24

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SOMERVILLE —"Cancel Cancer," a sculpture exhibition to promote the importance of early imaging, will open this weekend at Somerset Medical Center's Steeplechase Cancer Center.

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The show will exhibit 21 sculptures representing cancer survivors. The show's opening reception is from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, and the sculptures will be displayed at the center from Monday, Oct. 13 through Oct. 24. The center's atrium is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

A brochure will be available at the show to explain the sculptures and purpose of the show. Each of the sculptures was done by North Branch Station resident Marion Behr, who said she got the idea for an exhibition during the first day of radiation treatment for her cancer.

Behr said in a news release that she saw the cradles used during the radiation process as

abstract figures and believed they could be cores of shapes to encourage others to get early detection. In Behr's case, her children's urging to get a mammogram after a doctor found a suspicious growth led to her early diagnosis.

"Now these abstract figures are not only derived from real patients but represent real people who went through the treatment," Behr said in a news release. "The original cradles have been reshaped and restructured with papier mache' or handmade paper or both. They represent courage, stress from financial considerations, friends, contemplation, pulling oneself together and even jumping for joy when the treatment is over. There are other emotions as well."

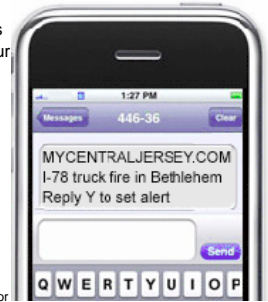
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