Moyer is the author of "The Lonely Child: The Journey of Search To Find My Biological Family," a speaker and adoptee's rights advocate.

"Not having access to our birth records is both a civil and fundamental right that is denied adoptee's," Moyer said.

Moyer discovered at the age of 16 she was adopted. She had her suspicions prior to that for she always felt and looked different from her adopted parents. It was after the birth of her children Moyer was determined to discover from where and whom she came from. She had no idea that it would take 30 years to put all the pieces together of her own personal puzzle.

"Without having access to my original birth certificate, I had zero information, not one name just the name of the hospital and orphanage in Albany," Moyer said.

Moyer had no idea where her search would lead her. She wanted to find the biological family she so wanted to find. She had no idea if she would, in fact, be able to find them. Her journey took her back to where her life began to the orphanage in Albany, to walking the streets of Brooklyn, to searching records in Manhattan and New Jersey.

Valley Manor gallery exhibiting "The Way We See It" by Susan Moyer

Episcopal SeniorLife Communities is hosting an art exhibit by Main Street Artists, "The Way We See It," through May 12 at 1750 Gallery at Valley Manor, 1570 East Ave., Rochester.

The opening reception will run from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 12. Admission is free. The gallery is wheelchair-accessible and open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Main Street Artists' Gallery and Studio was formed by Suri Zettling-Kuhn in January 2010 as an opportunity for friends to form an alliance and pursue their art while supporting each other. The gallery is open on the first Fridays and second Saturdays of the month.

The studio spaces are open to the public on the fourth floor of the Hungerford Building, 115 E. Main St., Rochester.

RIGHT: Founder Suri Zettling-Kuhn and fellow members of Main Street Artists exhibit "The Way We See It" at Valley Manor in Rochester. (PHOTO PROVIDED/SUZI ZETTLING-KUHN)

IN BRIEF
Rochester NEDA Walk

The Rochester National Eating Disorder Association Walk on April 28 in Seneca Park will support individuals and families affected by anorexia and bulimia.

Rochester programs and facilities that help families and communities impacted by eating disorders rely on NEDA for funding and support. These services include the national eating disorders hotline and research on treatments.

Registration at the event starts at 10 a.m. Visit nedawalk.org or call (585) 260-5570 for information.

Salvation Army

Seeking yarn donations

The Salvation Army needs yarn donations and volunteers to provide knitted and crocheted hats, mittens and afghans for children in need.

Call (585) 260-5570 for information.