

Press Release

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FIRST FRIDAY at SOUTHERN TIER HEALTHLINK NY



“Carpatho-Rusyn Folk Art”

Exhibit by Cheryl and Christina Dutko
Friday, April 2, 2010, 6-9 PM

Stop by The Southern Tier HealthLink on First Friday, April 2, to enjoy some exquisite Carpatho-Rusyn Folk Art by Cheryl Dutko and her daughter, Christina. Cheryl and Christina are traditional Carpatho-Rusyn folk artists. A number of traditional Carpatho-Rusyn art forms were passed down to Cheryl from her parents, grandparents and members of her childhood church. These traditions were in turn passed down by Cheryl to her daughter, Christina.

Come and see the beautiful ancestral art of **pisanki**. This tradition of decorated eggs made with beeswax came from the villages of eastern Slovakia and western Ukraine. The exhibit will also feature some of the Dutko’s Carpatho-Rusyn embroidery. Both Cheryl and Christina have been featured folk artists for the NYS Council of the Arts, and have had their work displayed at The Roberson Museum, The Discovery Center, and St. Michael’s Church. They have taught **pisanki** at various venues throughout Upstate New York and Pennsylvania.

Southern Tier HealthLinkNY (STHLNY) is a non-profit organization that coordinates the local and regional effort to improve healthcare delivery through the benefits of health information technology. STHLNY is located in the former Lackawanna Train Station, 45 Lewis Street in Binghamton. Onsite parking is available.