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Dames Bond Making Changes With Marketplace

A little over a year ago, Mary B. Relotto took a huge leap of faith.

The founder of Dames Bond, a business community for women entrepreneurs, opened the Dames Bond Marketplace, a retail shop that showcases the art and creations of members of Dames Bond.

“It’s been extremely rewarding to represent so many talented women in our community, whose creativity and talent never cease to amaze me,” said Relotto.

Unfortunately, Dames Bond Marketplace is closing its doors on January 1, 2014. “I’m grateful to the thousands of people who have shopped here over the past year. This is a business decision that wasn’t easy to make,” Relotto said.

The closing of Dames Bond Marketplace opens another door: an opportunity for another group who can showcase local artists to live out the two remaining years on the space’s lease.

“I’ve reached out to local artists and crafters and feel the location is ideal for weekend pop up shops,” Relotto said.

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“There are so many businesses it would be perfect for,” she added, including a yoga, dance, or karate studio, DIY workshops or rental venue for private events.

Relotto currently owns and manages Mary B.’s in German Village, and said being a shopkeeper who showcases local artists’ work is her calling.

“I love meeting people from all over the community and world, sharing what I know about the artists, and I take great pride in the fact that consumers will go home with something they won’t get anywhere else.”

Mary B.’s, in the “Red Stable” building, is located at 223 East Kossuth Street, next to Schmidt’s Sausage Haus and the Fudge Haus.

The shop features gifts and home decor made by local artists, both men and women, whereas Dames Bond Marketplace featured only women artisans.

“There are so many talented guys out there and I’m happy to give them an avenue to sell their work. A number of the women artisans from Dames Bond are also showcasing their work at my new shop. It’s the perfect combination.” Dames will now bond at Mary B.’s.

Interested in learning more about the Dames Bond Marketplace rental opportunity? Contact Mary B. Relotto at info@damesbond.com.

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