



Merchandise Mart bursting with hand-crafted art this weekend



(WBBM NEWSRADIO) – More than 300 handcraft vendors have set up shop through the weekend on the seventh floor of the Merchandise Mart.

The One of a Kind Spring Show features artists, many of them local, who are selling paintings, framed pictures, custom jewelry, ceramics,

clothing, hats, shoes and more. Among the creators are Valerie Mazza of Streeterval Art. The Streeterville resident makes paintings of her neighborhood.

“I make vibrant art, using a lot of tools that are unconventional,” she said Friday. “Palette knives, masonry tools, doing a lot of layers. I do use paint brushes as well, here and there.”

The exposition, which includes related programming, runs through Sunday.

