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1 Ripley's Rebirth

Another birth at Martha G. Ripley Maternity Hospital in north Minneapolis is underway. The historic hospital and two additional buildings on the 1.9-acre site are being returned to their original glory, thanks to a \$60,000 grant from HGTV, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and several other public and private funding sources. The hospital, which cared for any woman, no matter her race, religion, or marital status, throughout the first half of the twentieth century, will be renovated and converted to affordable housing by next summer. Considerable gardens, walking paths, play areas, and green spaces will be constructed as well. Expect to see Ripley hospital in an ad campaign on HGTV sometime this fall, and possibly featured later on the network's show, "Restore America."

2 King of Northeast

The Northrup King building in northeast Minneapolis is continuing its bid to be the Mecca for City of Lakes' artists. This summer, 24 additional studio spaces opened on the building's second floor, and were quickly snatched up by 21 artists, including jewelry maker Karin Jacobsen, and ceramicist Kyle Osvog. The three largest showrooms were leased by Blue Sky Galleries (see photo), the high-end woodworking gallery with former digs in Golden Valley; Danish Teak Classic, a showroom of refurbished Danish teak; and Art Andes, a showroom of Peruvian rugs. Building manager Debbie Woodward says that most tenants will be settled into their new studios by September's "First Thursday," northeast Minneapolis' free, monthly gallery crawl. The Northrup King building is located at 1500 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis, 763-421-3500, www.northrupkingbuilding.com.

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