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**L**RG member and GIST survivor, Ellen Mayer is showcasing her artwork once again, this time in the Lilly Oncology on Canvas" World Tour. Not only did Ellen showcase her work at the October 22 US Grand Finale & Awards presentation hosted by Regis & Philbin, she showcased GIST, spreading awareness to Regis, Joy, Anita Chermewski, the event coordinator and Richard Gaynor, the Chairman of Lilly Oncology.

The tour will now travel on to over 40 destinations in the US alone, such as Jefferson Hospital in Metairie, La., the Capital Region Cancer Center in Jefferson City, Mo. and the Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Mass (A full 2008 calendar can be found at [www.lillyoncology.com/common\\_pages/tour\\_](http://www.lillyoncology.com/common_pages/tour_)



Ellen talks about GIST and her work with Richard Gaynor, the Chairman of

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Here is an excerpt from Mayer's description of "Always in My Head".

"My Goal in life is to tell as many people as I can what GIST is, and raise awareness in the medical field because many doctors never heard of GIST.

"My painting, called 'Always in My Head', tells the story in the faces I paint. I have Cancer, emotions of BEWILDERMENT, FEAR, DEATH, HOPE, UPS, DOWNS, TESTS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, QUESTIONS OF WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BE, and the STRENGTH to fight. Learning to have patience and how to have inner peace, and to live life with having Cancer.

*"I am an artist, I am not Cancer.  
Fear, Laughter, Dread,  
Happy, sad,  
Going on with life  
But, never leaving my head."*



Ellen Mayer poses with her painting, "Always in My Head".

To listen to an October 27 radio interview in which Mayer talks about GIST and her art, you can go to her website at