Recognizing the contribution art has had in the Mayo Clinic environment since the original Mayo Clinic Building was finished in 1914, Mayo Clinic Proceedings features some of the numerous works of art displayed throughout the buildings and grounds on Mayo Clinic campuses as interpreted by the author.

The Cordillera mountain range is a 198 mile-long stretch of mountains on the island of Luzon, Philippines, and is linked to the Sierra Madre mountain range at its southern-most point. This region is inhabited by many indigenous peoples with diverse cultures and languages, with Igorot being one collective name of several groups in the region.

Cultures in this region have been shaped and formed by the mountains that are protective from tropical weather patterns, as well as the effects of colonization in the distant past. Baskets is a collection of “simple rattan, bamboo, and wood baskets” (descriptive plaque) that reflect the influences of the mountain range in many ways. Mountain travel and living can be challenging. These handmade tools provided aid in navigating the irregularity of the terrain and fostering subsistence in the pre-automation era. Their beauty and elegance are rooted in the ergonomic designs and commonplace functionality of daily living.
Baskets is located on the 6th floor of the Gonda Building, Mayo Clinic campus, Rochester, Minnesota.

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