
Tay River Tattler

Arts News & Views from Tay River Gallery
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**September Feature Artist
Keith Allen**

RANGE OF LIGHT

Range of Light opens at Tay River Gallery on Saturday, September 7th. This black and white photography exhibit by Keith Allen, Perth area photographer, will be on display for the month of September. Meet the artist Saturday September 7th at 2:00.

Keith Allen is a professional fine art photographer with a passion for photographing nature and landscapes. Breath-taking scenes from many exotic locations are featured in *Range of Light*. Equally inspiring are photographs capturing Lanark area landscapes. Keith is a "classical" photographer producing photographs in the traditional way. His photographs are not digitally enhanced or

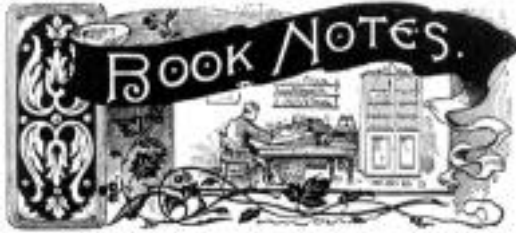
manipulated. He uses black and white and infrared films and both 4x5 and medium format cameras to produce his works.

Born and educated in Ottawa, Ontario, he attended St. Patrick's College where he was first introduced to photography. After graduating, he obtained a position as assistant to Malak Karsh, Canada's premier illustrative and landscape photographer. Keith then became an assistant to several of Canada's National Film Board still photographers. Keith Allen joined the Polaroid Corporation and was chosen to introduce products to Canadian professional photographers. After success at Polaroid he joined the Clairol Company and retired thirty years later as a Vice-President. Keith has attended many workshops over the years, including Ansel Adams and John Sexton. Many of his prints hang in private collections in Geneva, New York, Toronto, Halifax, Montreal, Vancouver, and San Francisco.

Artist's Statement

Through my photographs and my philosophy of landscape photography, I hope that the viewer will gain a greater love and appreciation of the world we know as nature. I hope that the viewer will take a deeper look at the beauty of this world of which we are only stewards. While we think that we see, we often do not really "see". It is my dream that viewers and others can experience the feeding of the spirit through participating in this great natural world we live in.

Keith Allen



The Book as Art Form *Spotlight on Ontario authors and publishers*

Visitors to the gallery will note a large section in the Trillium Room devoted to the promotion of reading material for children and adults authored solely by Canadians and produced by Ontario independent publishers. Napoleon Publishing, Rendezvous Press, Creative Bound, Mount Pleasant House, and others provide a good sampling of some of the quality books and publications available on the market.

Free publications available in the gallery include the Humm, an informative arts & entertainment newspaper produced monthly in Almonte Ontario and Greenspace Mag, a "healthy and environmentally friendly" community directory/magazine produced biannually in Perth Ontario.

As more eloquently expressed by Norman Cousins, the written word is the critical imprint of a civilization; "The writer, perhaps more than any of his fellow artists has access to the human subconscious. His words sink deep, shaping dreams, easing the pain of loneliness, banishing incantations and omens, keeping alive the memories of the race, providing intimations of immortality, nourishing great anticipations, sharpening the instinct for justice and imparting respect for the fragility of life."

Upcoming Local Events



Authors in the Park

The first Authors in the Park event will be held in Stewart Park and other Perth locations on September 15. Bravo to Perth Rotary Club, organizers of this brand new event spotlighting some of our talented Canadian writers! There are 18 authors featured and a special children's program. Tickets are available at the Valley Bookshop and Perth Courier.

Inspiration Tour – Sept 21 and 22nd
Frenchline Lanark Highlands Tour
Featuring artists, musicians and writers.
www.landolakes.ca/inspiration

Watercolours & More – Weekend mixed watermedia workshop Oct. 5 & 6,
Ferguson Falls Community Centre
With Arlene McGee. Call 259-2869.

Upcoming Gallery Events

Oct. 1 - 21

Exhibit of Watercolour and Acrylic Paintings by Arlene McGee

Nov. 9 – Nov 30

Exhibit of Oil Paintings by John Topelko

Sept – Dec. 2002

Ongoing Group Shows

Featuring Day, Savoie, Wesley, McGee, Topelko, Naprstek, Jacoba van der Velde and others visual artists.

New in the Gallery

Visitors to the gallery will find many new artworks on display during the month of September. Watch for Robu wooden toys created by Rolf & Heidi Buehler of Wilno, Ontario and works by many new artists and artisans. We will be providing an update on new participating artists in the October issue of the Tattler.



Mainly Murder & Mayhem

For those who have not yet had the opportunity to visit the gallery, our Mystery Parlour features a great selection of nearly new mystery books, or whodunnits of many flavours (cosy, police procedural, legal thriller, suspense thriller, detective, espionage, historical mystery...) to tempt book lovers. A small selection of non-fiction and other genre books are also available for those whose tastes may not run to the macabre.

Tay River Gallery Welcomes New Artists & Artisans

We are looking for quality works from local artisans on a consignment basis for the upcoming fall season. We are also looking for submissions of quality recordings by Ontario musicians for our music centre.

Interested parties please apply in person, by email lbrown@tayrivergallery.com, or call the gallery at 613-264-5448.

Quotes by Famous Artists

For me, a painting is like a story which stimulates the imagination and draws the mind into a place filled with expectation, excitement, wonder and pleasure.

J.P. Hughston, painter

Only when he no longer knows what he is doing does the painter do good things.

Edgar Degas

I shut my eyes in order to see.

Paul Gauguin

There is no must in art because art is free.

Wassily Kandinsky

The words that enlighten the soul are more precious than jewels.

Hazrat Inayat Khan.

What we play is life.

Louis Armstrong

Creativity is harnessing universality and making it flow through your eyes.

Peter Koestenbaum.

Every blade of grass has its Angel that bends over it and whispers, "Grow, grow."

The Talmud



Parting Thought

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
T.S. Eliot, Four Quartets, Little Gidding,
1942

