
Tay River Tattler

Arts News & Views from Tay River Gallery

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Renate "Nadi" Wesley Featured Artist

Oh Glorious Nature!

November 1st marked the opening at Tay River Gallery of Oh Glorious Nature, a solo exhibition of watercolours and oil paintings of Renate Wesley, better known as "Nadi", from Winchester Ontario. A potpourri of delicate watercolour florals, bold rich coloured florals in oil and idealistic rural landscapes and nostalgic settings offer a diverse selection of Nadi's work in this current exhibit.

Renate "Nadi" Wesley has been painting since 1995, but has already established herself firmly in the artistic community. Her oils and watercolours are vivid, and colourful, and have a whimsical, romantic overtone. Nadi feels most comfortable surrounded by nature, and therefore depicts it in all her work as the glorious bounty that Mother Nature has given us.

In the past year Nadi has taken to painting another love of hers, antique cars. Having started a series of paintings of scenes including vehicles from bygone eras...she intends to publish a calendar when she completes the series of 12 works. Nadi appeared on the CTV program "Regional Contact" twice in 2002, when she was starting her 'old car' series. She is hoping to complete the series in time to produce a 2005 calendar. "I have to take a break from painting cars..." says Nadi..."nature calls again...need to paint trees, landscapes and flowers for a while".

Recently Nadi has painted a striking watercolour sunset, and spent 6 months on her '2nd oil masterpiece' , The Birch, along with another new series of garden flowers.

In other endeavors, Nadi includes the challenge of painting hydro poles in her town of Winchester. She was commissioned by the Chamber of Commerce to paint scenes on the poles as a Millenium project in 1999. More recently she has started to paint indoor murals and decorative art.

"I painted a garden environment in my powder room....and now I can sit in my garden regardless of the weather".

This fall has been a busy time for Nadi, as she just had a studio tour at her home, and spent a week in Montreal at an art exposition prior to this exhibit at Tay River Gallery.

Three New Mysteries from Rendezvous Press

Three new intelligently plotted mysteries from Ontario independent publisher, Rendezvous, have arrived and are guaranteed to entertain mystery fans with a penchant for mysteries set in Canada with Canadian protagonists. Check out these new titles: *Bone Dance*, *Anthology of Crime fiction from The Ladies Killing Circle*, *Mist Walker* Barbara Fradkin, and *Lament for a The Lounge Lizard*, by Mary Jane Maffini

Mist Walker is Ottawa writer, Barbara Fradkin's third book featuring Inspector Green, an Ottawa police detective who investigates the disappearance of a young teacher in a story of tragedy, rage and murder.

Lament for a Lounge Lizard by Mary Jane Maffini introduces Fiona Silk, a failed romance writer who is faced with the embarrassing demise of her ex-lover, poet Benedict Kelly and the notoriety that ensues in the small tourist town of St. Aubaine, Quebec.

Upcoming Gallery Events

The final visual arts show for 2003, "Festive Mix" will begin at Tay River Gallery on November 22 and will run to December 31st. This group exhibit will feature paintings and photography to celebrate the festive season. Upbeat, seasonal and cheery- these works provide a diverse mix of ideas for gift giving. Give a "gift of art" this Christmas holiday season!

Gallery Artist News

Dorothy Black's Watercolour "Old Montreal" was accepted in the Ottawa Watercolour Society 48th Juried Exhibition at the Brockville Art Centre,

King Street, Brockville November 1st to November 30th. December 2nd to December 19th at Orleans Visual Art Centre. Opening reception: Sunday December 7th, 2 to 4 p.m., Orleans Visual Art Centre, 1490 Youville Drive, Orleans.

John Alexander Day has a solo exhibit entitled *City Light*, featuring Ottawa scenes, and held at Rothwell Gallery, on Montreal Rd. Ottawa, during the month of November.

Suzan Kowalski exhibits her bold and beautiful kiln- formed glass (plates and vases) at Tay River Gallery this season.

Events around Town

Jesus Christ Superstar, musical performance. Nov. 13,14,15, 20, 21, 22 at 8 p.m. Perth District High School, Perth. Tickets \$13. Available at Hendriks

The Phantom of Parliament Hill, Holiday Panto by Mississippi Mudds, Carleton Place Town Hall. Also Dec 5 & 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$12.

Our Town, Play performed by Valley Players Nov 20-22, 26 -29 8 p.m. Almonte old Town Hall. Tickets \$10. Available at Miller's Tale 256-9090 and at the door.

PPAC presents Cathy Jones. Perth and District High. Nov. 28. at 8 p.m. Tickets \$23. At ticketmaster or Hendrik's

Entertainment Extravaganza - fundraiser for Lanark County Interval House. Nov. 14, St. John Catholic High School, in Perth. with Tell Mama, Jenica Rayne, Pat Johnson and the Lineup
Women's Fair, presented by Lanark County Interval House. Nov 15th, Carleton Place Arena. 10- 4.

Poetry Night at the Tale. 5 Ottawa poets read from new works. Nov 20th 7 p.m. at the Miller's Tale, Almonte. 256-9090.