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# Tay River Tattler

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## Spring is in the Air!

Catch the fever with a visit to the current exhibit “Spring Extravaganza”, paintings with pizzazz in watercolours, acrylics and mixed media from four local artists. This exhibit runs to May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Reception will be held Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. providing the public an opportunity to meet with the featured artists, Dorothy Black, Karen Phillips Curran, Cimarron Knight and Leslie Rohonczy.



Spruce Twilight by Leslie Rohonczy

Leslie Rohonczy of Ottawa exhibits a pair of Canadian landscape paintings, exceptional in their dramatic intensity of colour and scale and compelling impact. “Spruce Twilight” and “Killarney Provincial Park” are works that are reminiscent of the Group of Seven landscapes. Leslie has an appealing recognizable style all her own with her strong and sometimes unusual treatment of colour in her landscapes.



Ruffled Spring by Dorothy Black

Dorothy Black of Westport exhibits her considerable watercolour skills with florals in two works, Ruffled Spring, and Cut Bouquet. Dorothy’s third work, a favorite of hers, is a mixed media abstract work Dancing with Red which definitely qualifies for the definition as a “painting with pizzazz”. Just the work to brighten up one’s surroundings.

Karen Phillips Curran of Rideau Ferry, known for her paintings on a monumental scale as head set painter at the National Arts Centre of Ottawa, exhibits two large watercolours, Lake Simcoe Rocks and Lakestones III. Karen has the uncanny ability to create paintings that literally exude calm, and her paintings make great relaxation pieces for any setting. Karen captures the interplay of stones and water, or earth and water with deft skills as a ‘realist’ watercolourist in her popular stones works.



Lakestones III by Karen Phillips Curran

Cimarron Knight, mixed media artist from Merrickville exhibits "Spawning at Goldstream, a dramatic mixed media painting with collage. The gorgeous frame for the painting is designed and created by the artist as well. Cimarron's other work of this series is in the permanent collection of the Nanaimo Art Gallery in British Columbia. Cimarron combines photobased imagery with painting in many of her current works.

As well as our current featured exhibit, Tay River Gallery exhibits oil paintings year round in the Trillium Room by artists John Alexander Day, Tricia Savoie, Renate Wesley, Kathy Bailey, John Topelko Fred Letto.

The Room with a View on the second floor currently features large oil paintings of Perth by John Alexander Day as well as watercolours by Shirley Mancino, Renate Wesley and Watercolours and Silk Paintings by Hanna Olszewski.

## **Coming in June Focus of 3 – A Photographic exhibit by three Ottawa Photographers**

For the month of June, a photography exhibition highlighting three vistas - Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Giverny, France from June 1 - 30th will feature the works of three talented Ottawa area photographers, Catherine Kelly, Barbara Lapointe and Carolyn Molson. Opening reception will be on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 5 p.m.

## **April Events in Perth**

**Perth Festival of the Maples- Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>** Perth's annual event featuring a day of fun-filled activities and sights (Jackie Seaton's annual empty bowls project), artisans and vendors and entertainment and maple syrup, maple syrup and more maple syrup on the downtown streets of beautiful Perth.

**Waiting in the Wings** Noel Coward play The **Company of the Studio Theatre** in Perth 8PM on Apr. 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 and at 2 PM on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Catch this wonderful, hilarious play. (I saw it last weekend and laughed all evening)