
Tay River Tattler

Arts News & Views from Tay River Gallery

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Tay River Gallery News

Expect a fresh new look to Tay River Gallery this spring with our new gallery layout! Apologies to customers for any inconvenience caused by renovations underway this month to improve our gallery space.

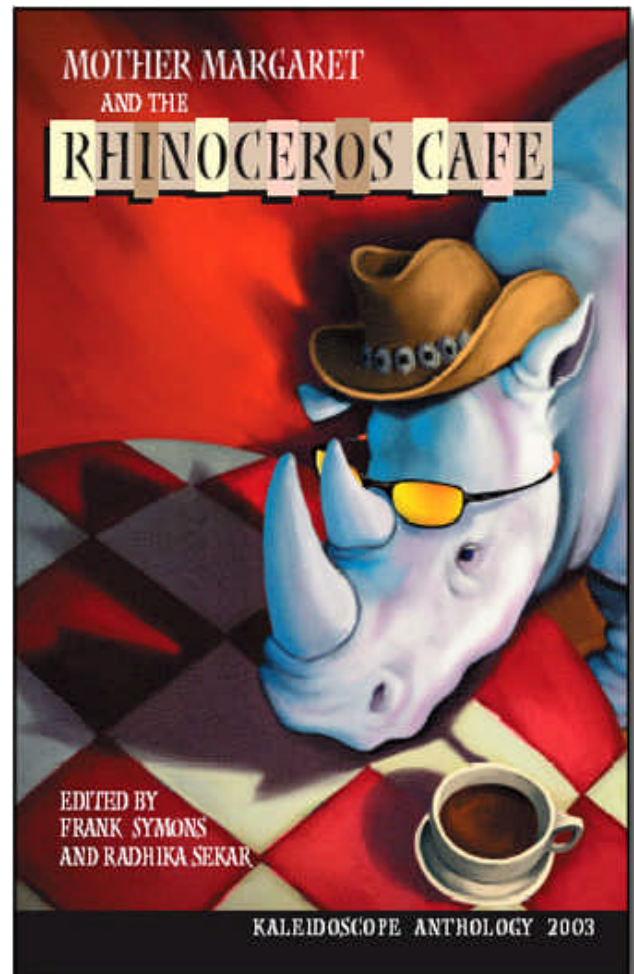
For those who haven't visited, Tay River Gallery regularly features an eclectic mix of *new* artist works in four rooms on two floors of a quaint historic building loaded with charm in downtown Perth Ontario.

Our first visual arts exhibition this year will be the "Spring Extravaganza" featuring paintings with pizzazz from some of the best regional artists in the surrounding Ottawa area. This exhibition runs from April 1st to May 31st.

Focus of 3 - 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.

New Book Releases by Perth Area Writers

Two Perth area residents have been published this winter and their books are currently available in our Ontario Authors Book Section.



Mother Margaret and The Rhinoceros Café: 2003 Canadian Cross-cultural Stories

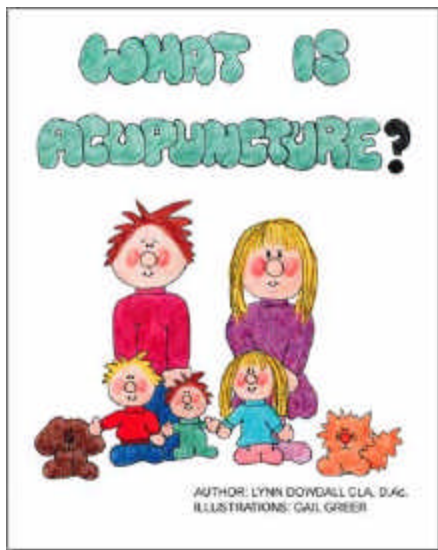
by F. S. Symons and Radhika Sekar (eds)

Critically acclaimed by writers and gurus alike, this kaleidoscope book of stories deeply probes cross-cultural conflict in Canadian society. "Funny and wise characters constantly surprise as globalization grinds against them like an iceberg -- unavoidable. Love and hate, romance and crime intertwined make

these entertaining yarns tough, touching and bittersweet."

"These marvelous stories offer sharp insight . . . (Ronnie Brown, winner, Ray Burrell Award 2001, Sandburg-Livesay Award 1998). "No simplistic solutions are offered to the inherent tensions, and there is a grappling with the longing for more . . ." (Dr. David Barnard, Vice Chancellor, University of Regina). ". . . a special meaning for anyone who was not born in Canada . . . there is much to learn here." (Thomas Rendall Curran, author of *Undertow*). "This collection captures the pluralistic nature of (our) society"(Uma Paramesaran, winner, CAA Jubilee Award 2000).

Contributors to this anthology : Timothy Kaiser, James Romanow, Rosemary McCracken, Ken Loomes, Mark Foss, Sheila Howe, Angelo Eidse, Cecilia Kennedy, Cyril Dabydeen, Radhika Sekar (Co-editor) and Editor, F.S. Symons lives in the Perth area.



What is Acupuncture?

Written by Lynn Dowdall of Perth area, local Health Care Practitioner operating the Perth Acupuncture Clinic since 1997.

This is a wonderfully illustrated picture book that explains acupuncture to children. The Chinese practice of acupuncture is explained through a simple, informative story about a family's visit to the acupuncture clinic.

The central role of children in the illustrations and the narrative text teaches that acupuncture is a non-invasive healing treatment for the whole body and family! In other words, "All you need to know about Acupuncture made simple!"

March Events around Town

Museums Alive in Lanark County. Perth Museum to March 21.

The Folk Upstairs presents *Four Now & Tom Lips*. PDCI . Mar.6 8 p.m.

The Tomorrow Box, Company of the Studio Theatre. Mar. 4,5,6, 8 p.m.

Orion Theatre Co. presents *Cabaret*. March 25 – 28. April 1-3 8 p.m. Code's Mill

Balderson Gallery. *The Shaman's Blanket* by Suzette MacSkimming Mar. 3-30th.

Pakenham Maple Run Studio Tour. Mar. 27-28 see www.maplerun.on.ca

Quotations on Art

All art is holy. Not that it is all long-faced and miserable; it can be wild and wooly. But if it transforms you, it is art. And it is holy.

Robertson Davies. Globe & Mail 1994.

An artist in Canada can teach, starve or go commercial. *A.J. Casson. painter quoted in 1997 by David Triston Davies in "Canada from Afar".*