

Tay River Tattler

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“Blooms” at Tay River Gallery



A brief issue long overdue. Spring is the most hectic season with the longest to-do lists at the gallery as well as at home. As you can see, this year we took awhile to shake off the ambling pace and lethargy of winter and now we are scrambling to catch up. Don't you just love the Canadian character ?

Just three words. Don't miss it! There is still a week left to see the Spring art show at Tay River Gallery. "Blooms" features dramatic floral paintings by Leah Dockrill, Bill Keast, Andrew Olscher and Gilda Pontbriand. The Artist Reception was held on Saturday April 28th in the afternoon. Gilda Pontbriand and Andrew Olscher were on hand to meet with the public. The show has been well received and the turnout to the event was good despite the rainy weather. The blooms indoors were a welcome sight and pleasant although short reprieve from the unseasonally cool and dreary weather.

Leah Dockrill, Toronto area artist, is an elected member of both the Society of Canadian Artists (since 2000) and the Ontario based Colour and Form Society (2007). She has participated in many juried, group and invitational exhibitions since 1997 and a solo show in 1998. Leah's acrylic florals presented in this show are realistic renderings with a close up view of the bloom in all its glory.

Bill Keast, Belleville area artist and former art teacher exhibited rural landscapes in acrylics in the winter exhibit, Snow Defines at Tay River Gallery. In Blooms, Bill brings an exciting mix of florals, up close and personal in his unique style using the "cloisonné technique" of outlining forms. The artist finds his inspiration for these works in his own backyard garden paradise.

Andrew Neil Olscher, Lakefield area professional artist brings his version of blooms in bold thickly textured acrylic paintings. His free flowing style of impressionistic floral images provide a dynamic presentation of colour and texture. Over the past fourteen years his work has been exhibited in a variety of group shows and purchased by private and corporate collectors and galleries locally and internationally.

Gilda Pontbriand, Ottawa area artist studied art in Mexico, Canada and France and has had over 75 solo and group shows in Canada, Japan, Korea, Mexico and the United States. She has won twelve national and international awards for her work in oil, acrylics and mixed media. Gilda's floral images dominate the canvas with intense colour and dramatic impact. Unique presentation is highlighted with this series of work.



New Works on Display

The Spring Season at the gallery also offers new oil paintings by gallery artists John Alexander Day, Deborah Czernecky, Tricia Wilmot Savoie, Mary Scofield, J. Allison Robichaud, John Topelko, Martha Markowsky and Jean Gauvreau;

New acrylics by James E. Pay, Leslie Rohonczy, and Gudrun Craig, Pastels by Normand Baril;

Mixed media works by Heather Assaf, Watercolours and mixed media by Karen Phillips Curran and Shirley Mancino;

Photography by Gary Webster, Catherine Kelly, Connie Spencer, and David Zimmerly;

Fibre Arts by Karen Goetzinger and Catharina Breedyk Law;

Gorgeous Jewelry by Rachel Norman, Kirei Samuel, Jane Christie, Dina Milne, Denise Irvine, and Sophal Tan Tuok.;

Fashion art by Catherine Kelly, Karen Goetzinger, Kit Vincent, Catharina Breedyk Law and Elisa Pavia;

New handbuilt pottery by Marie Paquette with unique decorative and functional pieces and from Anne Chambers, functional and non functional works in a number of masterful glazes;

Fused glass created by Suzan Kowalsky;

Woodturned bowls and vases by local favorite, Lorne Babb;

Wood carvings by William Shelaga and Chris Taber.

These talented regional artists exhibit year round and new works are available on display throughout the year. The online store is yet to be updated.

Upcoming Shows

In June, Tay River Gallery is pleased to present “*Converging Worlds*”, a solo exhibition by **Shirley Mancino** with dramatic figurative and abstract works inspired by this Westport artist's travels to Asian countries. The Reception for this show will be held this coming Saturday on June 2nd. Join us for refreshments and to meet Shirley Mancino, who has many fascinating stories from her trips and many new memorable works for you to view.

For July & August, prepare to be bedazzled with “*Summer Splash*”, a fine art extravaganza lasting the entire summer featuring a major exhibition and sale of hundreds of fresh works by gallery and guest artist working in oils, watercolours, acrylics, clay, glass, wood, gems and metals. Oo la la! Just so breathtakingly gorgeous! Even I can't wait !

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