

## Newsletter – July 1, 2010 A Gift of Art 905-987-2264

Happy Canada Day. July really is Canada's month with everything that means, the friendships renewed at cottages and on campgrounds; the nuisances of mosquitoes, black flies, picnic ants and deer flies; the joys of new skills acquired, swimming, canoeing, hiking or just lazing around..

**Summer Camp is starting to fill;** the weeks of July 19 to 30 seem to be very popular. Currently there are only 5 spaces left. August still has places for your child to enjoy his/her summer experience. Check the website for camp details

**The Show at the Lake** is our big event this month. We have a very special event happening at the show. **Carver Jan Oegema has produced a tribute to Canada's Military Heroes.** This 4 foot by 3 foot memorial is hand carved and depicts the sad ritual which is happening too often. You will notice in the carving the Caskets of the fallen being taken from the planes, all the funeral cortege, the bridges full of people honouring their hearses passing. It includes the icons of the first and second world wars, poppies, maple leaves and crosses. It portrays not just the dead but the living heroes coping with their injuries, who need our help.

This carving will be unveiled at the lakeside show at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. It is an extraordinary work, produced by a Dutch immigrant to this country who remembers only too well his formative years in war torn Holland.

The lighter side of this years show has **7 young student artists from local high schools** displaying and selling their work. Stop and have a few words with them. Art means so much to them.

We have a painter who is creating outside art. These works can be left outside year round. Right through the winter, the spring rains and the summer heat, nothing will affect them; although they will certainly affect you with their creativity and beauty.

There is a spinner who will be demonstrating the fine art of producing wool on a spinning wheel. A Wood carver will be showing the patience required to produce his work. One of the jewellers will be working away at his métier, while the pottery continues to throw clay onto a wheel.

There is live music this year to enhance the refreshing lakeside atmosphere. Food will be in abundance courtesy of the local Anglican Church and Butlers Ice Cream parlour.

The kids' activity area is always popular. We are sure you will be surprised at the creations your children will come up with.

**Drop by the gallery: There will be a jewellery making workshop July 17<sup>th</sup>, but it is the sculpture garden that really shines during the summer months. So many new pieces have arrived. There are a flock of geese permanently flying over the garden, while big bird watches from below!**

**The coffee is fresh, tea is quickly steeped, sit back and enjoy the artistic ambiance.**

**Introduce your visitors to Newcastle's *best kept secret* A Gift of Art.**