

IN SHORT

A Gift of Art - October



Fall is definitely here. As I look out of the window in the kid's workshop area, the chestnut tree is getting ready to drop its leaves. A rainy afternoon, a peaceful time, a time to look forward to walks in the woods, cozy fires in the fireplace, and the smells of baking in the kitchen. Wouldn't it be great if we all had the time to enjoy these sensations?



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Have you visited our new location yet? It is a wonderful old house on King Ave E. It was built in 1855 with a couple of additions and one major renovation since then. Here we are growing and doing it beautifully. When we started, just over three years ago, we only just had 20 member artists. As of yesterday we have 66 people with their work on display. These are all local artists, all within 35 miles, (55 K) of Newcastle. What an abundance of talent is to be



The gallery recently participated in Culture Day, a cross country celebration of the arts. Among the many examples of culture included at A Gift of Art over the three day festival were Kasia Kulyk, a young singer and key board player; Jake Vanhaverbeke, singer, composer and guitarist, Brenda Sullivan, Potter and Professional Clown; Helen Firing, spinner and weaver; Newcastle's Dance School – Family Connection; Diane Williamson-Rock, singer and musician: Newcastle and District Horticultural Society

and Nancy Hutchinson and her Alpacas.



Richard Thake, author of *Sir Thistlethwaite and the Kingdom of the Caves* (which is the second book in the series) was here signing copies of the books. This series is of particular interest to boys although we have heard that girls are enjoying it too. We had children's activities – making corn husk people, carving apple people, potato and apple block printing and other great kids crafts.

As a special event for Culture Days we had a play. This play was written by Emily Buckley of Orono. She is one of our student workers. Emily has studied for two years at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts. Her play is entitled *A Common Thread*. Not only did she author this play, she did all the casting of the various roles, she directed the play and worked out the flow and pace of the action on the

stage. The play was performed on both the Friday and Sunday of the Culture Days weekend at the Newcastle Community Hall and was very well received. It will be staged again at the Orono Town Hall on January 28, 2012. Watch for further details.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Classes

We have so much happening at A Gift of Art at 187 King Ave E. There are Yoga classes every Tuesday morning. You can just drop by and join in if you have the time. \$15.00 per session. Several classes that will be repeated in the New Year are well underway, Stained Glass and Watercolour painting are two examples. There are many other classes going on that it is not too late to join in. See the following list or to keep up to date watch the website. www.agiftof-art.com

There are a number of classes that we are just starting to slot in the schedule. A Christmas Wreath workshop, another Mosaic Mirror Workshop. Lotions, Potions and Treats has been postponed but will be of interest as Christmas grows closer. The Spinning instructor will be holding a spindle yarn spinning workshop and talking about wool. It looks as though we will have a chef in to demonstrate making tapas. How to use you camera and what to do with Photoshop are other possibilities we are trying to fit in. There are drawing classes, mixed media and pottery classes destined for the schedule. Let us know what interests you.

We will be having a speaker's series starting in a few weeks. It will be in the afternoon. The speaker will talk for no more than half an hour and then will take questions or join in discussions about the topic presented. Free tea, coffee and cookies will be on hand. There is no fee to attend. Call to get a list of the speakers or check the website. If you have someone who is local that you would like to hear, let us know.

WHAT'S NEW?



Art Supplies

Exciting news!!! Art Supplies!!! You will no longer have to travel to Whitby to get your art supplies. A Gift of Art will be carrying a large variety of art supplies starting the first week of November. As we start this new section of the gallery's retail end, some of it will be trial and error. So if you can't find something you need let us know and we will do our best to stock it as quickly as we can. Some specialty items could be ordered and will be delivered within a day or so or the request being made.

Coffee and tea are always waiting to welcome you. We hope you can drop by soon!!

Calendar

Family Events!

October 29 - Our annual Pumpkin Carving Contest with cash prizes. Starts at 9:30 am

Classess

October 22 - 10:00 - 4:00

Watercolour Glazing with Karin Isenburg

October 19 - 6:30 to 9:30

Wood Carving with David Buchen-Terrell.

October 31 -6:30 - 9:30

Wire Jewellery Class

November 5 - 11:00 - 2:00

Christmas Card Workshop

November 9 - 7:00 - 9:00

Calligraphy with Alexis Cooke. Ages 9 and up.

November 12 - 10:00 - 4:00

Watercolour with Pastels with Karin Isenburg

R & R Fashion - Re-use and Recycle.

Produce amazing Fashions from a collection of old jeans, sweaters, shirts, dresses, buttons, ribbons and much much more! Thursdays from 6 to 8. Interested? Give us a call. 905-987-2264

Watch our website for more upcoming events!