



Kanata Civic Art Gallery

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Happy Holidays from all of us at the KCAG



Welcome to The Gift of Art 2011

This year the **Gift of Art Show** promises to be a unique event organized by the Kanata Civic Art Gallery. It will be the 18th anniversary of this community event celebrating the arts. Twenty one local artists, all members of the Gallery, will exhibit and sell their artwork the weekend of **November 19 & 20**, from 10am to 5pm.

The Show takes place at the Gallery and upper halls, in the *Mlacak Centre*, 2500 Campeau Drive in Kanata. To get there, take the Queensway (Highway 417), exit at Eagleson Road, and follow the **Gift of Art** signs.

Last year, over 900 visitors attended the show. Happening just before the Holidays, the show is an unique opportunity to acquire one-of-a-kind artwork, purchase a gift certificate or just find the special gift to go on your wish list. Visitors always have the opportunity to contact directly their preferred artist through our web-site www.kanatagallery.ca or by picking up one of their business cards at the Gallery.

Gift Certificates

Gift Certificates are available for sale at the Gallery, making a great surprise or holiday present!



Pay no Taxes

No Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on Artwork sold at the Gallery. The price you see is what you pay.

Our Sincere Thanks to Vera Brun

The KCAG would like to thank **Vera Brun** for her valuable contribution to the members of the Gallery. Serving as a volunteer Community member of the Board of Management during the past several years, Vera brought a unique perspective to the Gallery's efforts in making fine art accessible to the community. Although retiring from her role as a Board Member, Vera will continue contributing her time to the Gallery in different capacities.

Welcome John Holmes!

The Gallery welcomes John Holmes who has joined the KCAG Board of Management as a member from the community at large. John replaces Vera Brun as a Board Member.

Culture days in Kanata

By Elizabeth Potvin

Once again, this year, the Gallery participated in Culture Days, a countrywide initiative to help raise awareness of the value of the Arts in our communities. We did get some publicity from the Kanata Courier, which is always good to make the community more aware about local arts.

According to the official website (<http://culturedays.ca>), "Canadians throughout the country expressed their creativity by participating in over 5,500 activities in 800 cities and towns over the Culture Days 2011 Event Weekend (September 30, October 1 & 2)."

However, despite the efforts invested in this initiative, more needs to be done. This year, still, the event did not appear to have sparked much enthusiasm from the public or from our own Gallery members. Maybe it takes many years for something like this to take hold and be the success that many would like to see.

On Friday September 30th, a few Gallery members took part in a paint out outside the Mlacak Center. We were treated afterwards to Peter Murphy's wonderful chili, and Sandi DuBois' delicious chocolate brownies. Thank you to Peter and Sandi for that.

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Our Purpose

- To exhibit and promote the sale of original works of art by Gallery members
- To encourage and showcase young artists
- To make art readily accessible for

Where to Find Us

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Art Technique : *Functional and Decorative Ceramics*

By Barbora Balaban

I was born in Prague, a beautiful city full of history and culture, where I graduated from the Prague College of Graphic Art. In those years, I was drawn to three-dimensional work, but never had the opportunity to work with clay. Instead, I started to explore the beauty of weaving, tapestry and lace making.

In 1990, I immigrated to Canada with my family. After settling down in Ottawa in 1995, I started to work with clay and by 1998, I was hooked. I joined the Ottawa Guild of Potters and over the years, I have had the opportunity to take courses at St. Lawrence College and at Fleming College in Haliburton. I have also taken numerous workshops offered by the Ottawa Guild of Potters and by Fusion (Ontario Clay and Glass) with top Canadian and US Potters. In 2007, I opened the **Barcha Pottery Studio** in my home in Beaverbrook, Kanata.

Over the years, I made mostly functional pottery and only lately have I started to develop larger decorative pieces, using stamped slabs in combination with thrown elements. I love to travel, hike and camp in the wilderness and as a result, my work is largely inspired by the beauty of nature. My passion for gardening is also represented in my work and is a continuous inspiration.

I experiment with distorting and altering thrown pieces and adding more texture by stamping, folding, carving, or simply adding more clay. The contrast between glazed and unglazed parts of the pots brings out the texture of the piece and the warmth of the clay. Most of my work has some function with sculptural content. My work is high-fired stoneware pottery in oxidation, decorated with slips, and brushwork.

The pieces can be purchased at : "The Gift of Art" (Christmas Art Festival and Sale) in the Mlacak Centre, in Kanata; the Kanata Civic Art Gallery; or by appointment at **Barcha Pottery Studio**. Phone: 613-592-9977 E-mail: Barcha_pottery@yahoo.ca <http://barchapottery.wordpress.com/>

Members' News, Awards & Shows

Heather Assaf extends an invitation to her new art show "Luminosity", an exhibition of colourful contemporary paintings, taking place at the Urban Pear Restaurant at 151 Second Avenue in the Glebe, from November 1st, 2011 to January 22, 2012. www.heatherassaf.com

Judi Miller participated in the Trinity Presbyterian Christmas Bazaar and Art Show held on Saturday November 5.

John Mlacack participated in the Ottawa Art Expo, Oct. 28-30 at the St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Avenue. www.ottawaartexpo.com

Daniel Morales-Gómez participated in the Stittsville Studio Tour together with five other local artists. For information on Daniel's work, visit www.magma.ca/~dmorales/

Elizabeth Potvin, Dorothy Hayter, and Rosemary Randell had works accepted into the 64th Juried Show "Anything Goes" of the Ottawa Watercolour Society. Once a year the OWS mounts this juried show that invites members to submit works in watercolour done on any surface. As is usually the case, most of the pieces submitted for jurying this year were done on traditional watercolour paper.

Sheila Turner Whalen has a number of instructional art books for sale mostly for watercolour. Those interested can contact Sheila at 613-592-3286 .

Painting Workshops 2011 by Rosemary Randell

Perspective Workshop - 6 ½ hours including the option of the 27minute film, "Masters Of Illusion", by the National Gallery of London.

Composition Workshop - 6 hours, including a Composition Clinic, Students can bring in a painting or two for some compositional direction or help.

Watercolour 101 - 6 hours, **for the absolute beginner**, start with washes, superimposing of colours, and special effects, end with a painting of a pastoral summer landscape.

Still Life with a Passion- For the more advanced painter: These workshops begin with a short introduction to 17th century Dutch paintings. Discussing the use of a limited palette, how silver & reflections are painted, the importance of composition and lighting, followed by the painting of one of two paintings. Part 1 "All Polished Up" Part 2 "Rhapsody in Blue"

Workshops are available on Thursday, Friday or Saturday from 10am to 4pm (or 4:30 for Perspective Workshop) and the cost is \$120 per workshop. Minimum 5 per class, for more details & booking – **Contact:** Rosemary Randell 613-271-0607; E-mail: randellpaintsalot@hotmail.com or visit www.rosemaryrandell.com/