

NewSketches

Lunenburg Art Gallery

Summer 2007

Mermaid Theatre Exhibition HUGE Success!

The week of the Mermaid Theatre visit was a great success as an outreach program for the children of Lunenburg County and for the Lunenburg Art Gallery. The Canada Council for the Arts turns 50 this year and recognized the Mermaid Puppet show in Lunenburg as one of 50 must see shows in Canada this year. Our guest from the council was Carol Bream. She loved every minute of her visit to Lunenburg.

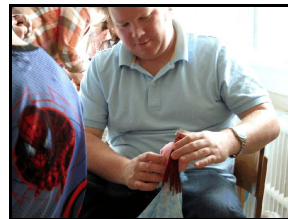


The puppet show at the Pearl Theatre was a sellout and featured three short plays by the late Dutch children's writer Leo Lionni - 'Frederick', 'Swimmy' and 'Inch by Inch.'

After the show, we hosted a cocktail get together for Carol, Lee, the Mermaid founder, Jim, the artistic director and the cast. Thanks to Janet Joel for donating the delicious eats and to Jo Eisenhauer and Inge Hatton for the wine.

The Lunenburg Art Gallery was alive with life-size puppets, from 29th May to 22nd June. Christine hosted

numerous classes in the Gallery and children were delighted with a face and figure demo by Sally Hutchinson (Lunenburg) who had made the leather Inuit faces on the Mermaid puppets. The puppet display also included silk paintings of backdrops and puppet attire by Nova Scotian artist, Holly Carr.

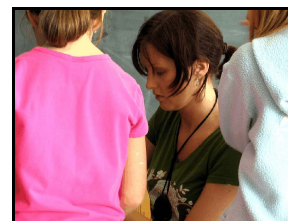


Struan and Jennifer, the Mermaid workshop facilitators, taught puppet making to children from Lunenburg County schools.



The children which included a special needs class, had a ball!

The Ruby Stewart fund committee agreed to sponsor some of the Academy classes.



We also received generous donations from gallery members and some members of the public towards these workshops.

Mrs Baker very kindly agreed to make a classroom available for the workshops at the Academy. This was a different venture for us and according to the children's comments, very worth while for the young folks in our county.

Planning & Exhibition Committee

LUNENBURG PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

As part of NSCAD's Artist in Residency Program will be holding a series of lectures at the Lunenburg Academy Auditorium on Thursdays at 7:00pm. Admission is free.

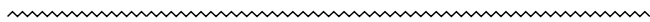
July 12 - Lunenburg Potter Joan Bruneau

August 2 - Studio Residents Kristy O'Leary & Dustin Wenzel on "Presentation of their Year's Work"

August 9 - Architect Brian MacKay-Lyons on "Modernity and Heritage"

September 13 - NSCAD University President, Professor David B. Smith on "Thoughts on Public Art"

For further information please contact the Gallery.



OF INTEREST TO ARTIST MEMBERS

The Shore Line Gallery is hosting our second ART at the MARC on Sunday July 8, 2007 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Any and all artists are welcome to show two framed works and any number of unframed works. Commission is 20%. Artists will painting on site and any sales of wet paint works will be free of commission. There will be demonstrations and Geoff will be doing portrait sketches.

We hope to show children's /students' work in the upstairs room. We have sent out flyers to the schools but haven't had any response.

This will be a fun day with hotdog and a drink for \$2.50. The site itself offers many lovely subjects. There are washroom facilities and shelter from the elements. Thanks!

Pat Rhaman
Convenor Shore Line Gallery

LAG WORKSHOP NEWS

The following workshops will be sponsored by the Lunenburg Art Gallery this summer. There are still a few places in each workshop. Please call Ruth Flower at 624-3536 or Lezlie Morgan at 543-2248 to save your spot.

July 9-13 Ned Mueller Oil/Acrylic - \$400

August 27-29 Charles Spratt Acrylic/Watercolour - \$275

Charles Gruppe Workshop in 2008

Charles Gruppe will be returning to Lunenburg next June from June 9th to June 12th. This workshop will once again be held at the Lunenburg Fire Hall and the fee will remain at \$300. If you are interested in attending please let me know as there has been a great deal of interest expressed in this workshop to date, we have a dozen artists wanting to come to Lunenburg and anxious to participate. We can take a maximum of twenty people and our priority will be to the members of the Lunenburg Art Gallery and to those who attended last years workshop with Charles. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks, Barbara Hannaford

ATTIC ART & COLLECTIBLES NEWS

While November might seem like a long way off as we enjoy the warmth of summer, it will be arrive faster than we think! Please remember to tuck away any suitable items for the Attic sale. Thanks, and enjoy your summer!

Gill Osmond,
Chair Attic Art & Collectibles Sale

GALLERY HAPPENINGS

Artists' Biography: It would be helpful if all artists could submit a bio page to be included on our website as well as for the binders located in the Gallery and the Tourist Bureau. Potential buyers come in wanting further information and it is both a missed opportunity and possible lost sale for the artist. Many thanks to those artists who submitted bios last season, and I look forward to hearing from those who did not.

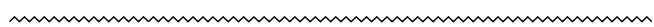
For submission of work for our website or the slide show that runs daily in the Members' Gallery, please contact Doug Cooke at 634-9428 or cooked@bwr.eastlink.ca

Our sales have been brisk and we have had approximately 875 visitors since the school show in March, some of whom were from Alberta, Australia, British Columbia, England, Florida, Germany, South Carolina, Vancouver, Yukon and the HRM area.

The Mermaid Theatre Exhibit generated much interest and was well received by the public. We had approximately 376 young, and the young at heart visitors who dropped in to see the life-size puppets.

Residents of the surrounding areas drop in and we appreciate their support. It is good to know they enjoy the shows and because we now have the Featured Artist of the Members' Gallery, they especially look forward to seeing the different works by our talented artists on a bi-weekly basis.

Christine Hurlburt
Gallery Attendant



GIFT CASE NEWS

We're pleased with the response from the artists for the Gift Case - keep it up! Our sales have also been good.

Shirley Powers,
Gift Case Chair

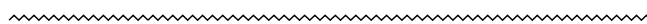
MEMBERS' GALLERY NEWS

The Members' Gallery has had a fine display of artist's work this season which has resulted in the sale of fourteen art works. Six of these were sold from the Featured Artist wall, and eight from the rest of the Members' Gallery.

We are now into the second exhibit, having had a change-over in the beginning of June. This exhibit continues through most of July. The current works should be picked up and new ones brought in on Sunday, July 22 between the hours of 1:00pm and 3:00pm.

This third exhibit will continue until Sunday, September 30th. Once again work must be picked up between 1:00 and 3:00pm of that day to make the entire gallery available for the hanging of the following Members' Show.

Ruth Flower,
Chairperson Members' Gallery



LAG WEBSITE NEWS

The Google ads have paid out again... we received a cheque for US \$106.02 on May 23, and have generated a further \$22 in ad revenue since then.

Google has finally added Lunenburg street names to their maps database. There is now a zoomable Google map inserted on the home page, indicating the exact location of the gallery.

The Current Exhibit page is now driven by a database and is set up to change automatically on show opening and closing dates. This enables the webmaster to be away from his computer on these crucial dates.

The website continues to attract about 25 virtual visitors per day. Since the beginning of the year, we have had 5012 visitors.

Doug Cooke,
LAG Webmaster

PAINT SEA ON SITE NEWS

With Paint Sea On Site less than one month away, July 28th & 29th, the committee is working hard to be sure that all is in order for this year's event. Press kits, posters, book marks, flyers, magazine and internet items as well as newspaper and radio coverage are all set so that the word gets out to the public as to when, where and how Paint Sea On Site is held!



As of the June 30th deadline, there are 60 artists registered and generally there are more applications received after the deadline passes. If you are an artist who is interested in registering, please don't wait any longer! Christine at the Gallery can assist you in filling out a registration form or you can find it and all information necessary on the Gallery's website: www.lunenburgartgallery.com

In an effort to raise more funds during Paint Sea On Site, food will be available for sale to the public. Mimi Findlay has assisted the committee with this. On Saturday lobster-shrimp rolls will be for sale at lunchtime and on Sunday there will be pizza. As well we will be selling jars of "small batch chutney", three

delicious varieties to take home and enjoy with cheese, meats, etc.

A new dimension was added to the student event this year. Cindy Dial, co-coordinator of the student participation in Paint Sea On Site, organized workshops for the students so they would be better prepared to "paint the town" at the end of July. Jenny Carton

instructed a drawing workshop, Frans Aeyelts presented the watercolour workshop, and Gail Balfe led the acrylic workshop. We thank these artists for donating their time; it is very much appreciated by the students and the committee!

We have many volunteers signed up to "work" on the weekend but we can always use more help! If you are interested in joining the fun please contact Christine at the Gallery ... 640-4044 ... or Melanie Cooke at 634-9428. It is not necessary to commit to the entire weekend. If you have only a few hours but would like to help, please call!

The hard working members of the Paint Sea On Site committee are:

Fran Burchell, Bev Cluett, Carol Colby, Melanie Cooke, Cindy Dial, Jo Eisenhauer, Colleen Galloway, Mimi Findlay, Karen Gaudet, Liz Hamilton, Janet Joel, Gill Osmond, Jane Rowberry, Marian Sterritt and Joan Watson.

The committee welcomes new members and I invite you to call if you care to be part of the planning for next year's event! (Melanie at 634-9428)

See you at the fire hall July 28th & 29th!

Melanie Cooke
Chair, Paint Sea on Site Committee

UPCOMING

Continuing until July 29

Anya Holloway and Robin Crickmer, Acrylics –
"Carnival of Colour"

July 28 and 29

"Paint Sea on Site" – Wet Paint Sale and Auction,
Lunenburg Fire Hall

July 31 – August 26

Zehava Power, Acrylics – "Lunenburg in Paint"
Opening Reception: Saturday, August 4, 3:00pm

August 28 – September 30

Barbara Hannaford and Jane Rowberry, Acrylics
– "Lifestyles"
Opening Reception: Tuesday, August 28, 5:00pm

Sunday, September 24

Fund-raising Gala Art Auction and Wine Tasting,
Ashlea House 3:00 – 5:00pm
Details at www.lunenburgartgallery.com

October 2 – 31

Lunenburg Art Gallery Members
Opening Reception Tuesday, October 2:00 – 5:00pm

November 10

10:00am – 1:00pm
Attic Art & Collectible Sale, Lunenburg Fire Hall



Mermaid Theatre Exhibition

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

The 2007 season appears to be off to a good start!. All the exhibitions have been well received, and we expect the entire season will prove to be quite a success.

Our sponsorship of the Mermaid Theatre production has caused the Canada Council for the Arts to take notice of our Gallery. They were very generous in praising our involvement in the school programs.

We thank the Ruby Stewart Memorial Education Fund for assistance in funding the workshops for approximately 200 children and all the volunteers who gave of their time and expertise.

Thanks also to the ongoing efforts of the many volunteers now working to ensure the success of Paint Sea on Site (July 28/29), the Gala Art Auction (Sep 23), and the Attic Art Sale (Nov 10).

Jane Rowberry
President, Lunenburg Art Gallery

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