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The Gallery on Queen; a fine piece of work

by Michelle Minnoch

In June 2006, Ingrid Schienke opened her store in what she calls her dream venue. The Gallery on Queen, located in the Village of Cookstown, sits in a building that is about 150 years old.

"I have always wanted this building - it's perfect for displaying

GTA. She was responsible for selecting art work for various projects, and would discuss needs with her clients.

After years of doing corporate sales and being always on the go, opening the Gallery on Queen, displaying pieces for the public to purchase, is what Ingrid says she

tomers," says Ingrid. "I get a sense of what styles and artists they like, and what they are looking for."

Ingrid says not only will she get in pieces from a particular artist as per a customer request, she will also pay a visit to your home, advising the customer of the types of artwork that would suit their style, down to every last detail, including the frame.

The techniques found in the artwork sold at the Gallery include acrylic, oils, a mixture, and some sculptures.

Ingrid says she loves to feature artists and have open houses, and would like to have one, probably in the summertime. "I like hosting shows because it's an opportunity to show people different styles of art. I want people to ask questions."

Framing is done onsite at the Gallery on Queen. With over 1000 different frame styles to choose from, customers can pick from frames manufactured in Italy and Spain, and can pick the frame which best suits their painting.

Studying Art Illustration at Sheridan College, Ingrid says she occasionally finds the time to do some of her own painting.

She says her all time favourite



art," says Ingrid. She says when she saw the building up for sale in the winter, a little dream of hers came true.

Prior to relocating to Cookstown, Ingrid worked with designers and architects in the

really enjoys.

Selling over 100 pieces of original paintings, featuring Canadian and International artists, Ingrid says she sells what she likes and what catches her eye.

"I like speaking with the cus-

painter is Picasso "because he is part character, part artist and part marketer".

Her favourite contemporary artists include Canadian Pica Birt, Anne Merrec, with her combination of art and music paintings, and Simcoe County's Michael Foers.

Ingrid says picking out a piece of artwork for your home is a very personal decision.

"The art should move you. It should make you feel good when you look at it."

Ingrid says when spending

money on a particular piece, it is always good to do a little research beforehand about the artist.

Whether you are entering a new chapter in your life and want to invest in a piece or two, or if you would like to add another piece to your collection, The Gallery on Queen has a vast selection of artwork, in a relaxing and comfortable atmosphere.

The Gallery on Queen is located at 10 Queen Street in Cookstown, (705) 458-0881.

Heritage Week public drop in activities

Celebrate Ontario Heritage Week at the Simcoe County Museum!

From Monday Feb. 19th to Friday Feb. 23rd, visit the Simcoe County Museum for our Heritage Week Activities.

Begin the week on Monday, Feb. 19th by being our guest for a Museum visit. To celebrate Heritage Day, we are offering complimentary admission on Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Starting on Tuesday Feb. 20th and running until Friday Feb. 23rd we will be offering guided tours of the museum galleries and the museum grounds.

Each weekday at 1 p.m. we will be offering a 45 minute guided tour of our inside gal-

eries, and each weekday afternoon at 2:30, we are offering a 1 hour guided snowshoe hike through our beautiful property (weather permitting).

Regular museum admission rates apply for all days except Monday Feb. 19th.

The Simcoe County Museum is located at 1151 Highway 26 West, Minesing. Our hours of operation are Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Admission rates are as follows: Adult \$4, Senior/Student \$3.50, Child \$2.50, Preschoolers free.

For more information about our Heritage Week activities, phone the Simcoe County Museum at 705 728-3721 or e-mail mailto:museum@county.simcoe.on.ca

Cookstown Notes....

by Susan Stein
 Surprise Party

There will be a surprise 60th birthday party for our old friend and neighbour Wally Currie, given by his family on Sat. Feb. 24th, with an Open House from 7-9 pm at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2840 10th Sideroad (Middletown Sdrd.). There will be birthday cake, fellowship with friends and family and a chance to tell funny incidents, and memories about him.

Please let other neighbours and fellow school chums know about the party. Let your presence be your present!

Directions to the church: Exit Hwy 400 at Hwy 88 East. At 10th Sideroad (stop-light), go north approx. 1 km. St. John's is on the west side. See you there.

Staying in touch

On Friday, February 9th, members of the ACW of St. John's Anglican Church, members of The Newton Robinson Boosters and friends met at the New Penny Restaurant for lunch with Mabel Riley.

Mabel, who now resides in Ottawa, came for a short visit with her friends from Cookstown. It was great to hear how well she has adjusted to her new surroundings having joined a Quilting and Crafts group, and the congregation of the nearby Anglican Church and taking part in their outings and trips. It is also nice to have daughter Joanne living in the neighbourhood and occasionally talk to Olive Butt (formerly of Cookstown) who lives now in Perth. All the best Mable, hope to see you again soon.

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