



## Syliboy Opening Sept. 26 - 2-5 pm

### GAPACC'S annual Gathering of the Arts Held at NSCC in August

The opening gala for the Gathering of the Arts was held on August 6th at 7 pm at NSCC. Members of the two participating arts councils spoke on the subject of collaboration, many participating artists were in attendance and refreshments were served.

The annual Guysborough Antigonish Pictou Arts and Culture Council exhibition of the arts represents artists working in all media, including oil, acrylic, water color, pastel, mixed media, pen and ink, pencil, etching, wood, marble, quilting, video and sculpture. This year saw over 100 submissions, a record representation of over 35 local artists who are involved with the community-based organization of the arts. All pieces are for sale.

2009 marks the first time the exhibition has travelled outside the three counties to Truro. The exhibit is presented in collaboration with the Truro Arts Society and NSCC. Several members of the Truro Arts Society have made notable contributions to the exhibition, particularly Susan Sweet and Judy Arsenaault who both submitted large oil and acrylic paintings.

The exhibition ran from August 6th to August 14th at the Truro Campus of NSCC from 10 - 4.

Alan Syliboy has had an exciting summer and fall, and we are fortunate that he is having an exhibit at McCarthy Gallery to open our 2009-10 season, our 40th year.

Earlier Alan launched the mural he had done for one of the Olympic Venues. That launch was held at Halliday's and drew an enthusiastic gathering. What an exciting work! What an opportunity!

The present exhibit will open on Saturday, September 26 with a reception from 2-5 in the afternoon. It is expected that the band Lone Cloud will be present.

TAS members are urged to come out for this opening. It is an opportunity to meet a most talented and recognized artist and view the latest sampling of his work.



Alan Syliboy, Photo courtesy of Janice Guinan

## the Hearthside Cafe

September: Georgina Shaw

October: Bronwen Vaughn-Williams

November: Ardythe Davis

December is the Attic Painters

## Joy Laking Open House Exhibition

October 17, 18, 24 and 25

10am-5 pm at her studio

6730, Highway 2, Bass River

## Webs and Blogs

A recent email lead me to Jo-Ann Shaw's web site *Kilnworks* (<http://www.kilnworks.ca>).

Going to the TAS website, I found that a number of other TAS members have websites:

<http://www.karengaudetfineart.com>

<http://www.janiceguinan.com>

Jacqueline Steudler at <http://www.artjst.net/>

Richard Wenzel at <http://www.pbase.com/wenzel/paintings>

Several TAS members have begun blogs:

You can check out the work of Judy Arsenault, Pam Swainson and Susan Sweet at their respective blogs:

<http://www.judyarsenaultartist.blogspot.com>

<http://www.susannsweetartist.blogspot.com>

<http://www.pamealswainson.blogspot.com>

Somewhat different is the collection of cartoons, pictures and musings at Neil Fisher's blog:

<http://www.professortassel.blogspot.com>

Other artists who have blogs or web sites and would like them mentioned, please notify the editor at [andesign@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:andesign@ns.sympatico.ca)

## Executive to Meet on Sept. 28th

The next executive meeting of the TAS executive is on Sept 28th at Lyndia Baird's house at 6:30.

A general meeting of the Truro Art Society should take place soon after that.

Be prepared for an October Meeting and assist the society by attending. Specifics to follow.

## ARTS CHAT— You're Invited

On Wednesday October 21st, Joy Laking will host an afternoon of arts chat at her gallery. All TAS members welcome.

It will be held from 1:30 - 4:00pm.

Please tell what exciting things you are doing with your art and perhaps bring an arts question, tip or concern to discuss.

## Shubenacadie Art Connection

**Gallery 215** has sent out invitations to a Reception in honour of **The Shubenacadie Art Connection**, an Exhibit by Nova Scotia Artists Celebrating the Waterway

The reception/opening is on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 2:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m (probably before this newsletter is mailed out.)

The exhibition can be seen from September 19 - October 4, 2009

**Gallery 215 is at** 8247 Highway 215, Selma (Maitland) - phone: 902-261-2151 - It is open seven days a week: 10:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m

## TAS Artists in Tatamagouche

TAS artists Judy Arsenault, Susan Sweet and Pamela Swainson all had shows this summer at the Fraser Cultural Centre in Tatamagouche.

## Colchester Art Acquisition Has Special Olympic Category

Each year the Municipality of Colchester is proud to host an Art Acquisition featuring various pieces from local artists. During each show a work of art is selected by a committee and added to the permanent public display on the main floor of the County of Colchester Courthouse. The selection is based on quality of the art, the historic development and lifestyle of Colchester County and the medium used.

The 2009 Art Acquisition will also have a special commemorative category to celebrate the Olympics and the Olympic Torch Relay, which will be making its way through Colchester County on November 17, 2009. The theme for this commemorative category will be "With Glowing Hearts". The application deadline this year is October 23, 2009. For more information contact Colchester Recreation at 897-3155 or [recreation@colchester.ca](mailto:recreation@colchester.ca)

### Watercolor Classes To Begin in September

Nancy Crowe Samson will be offering fall classes of Watercolor painting. She has a Tuesday morning (Sept. 15) at 9:15 and Wednesday evening (Sept. 23) beginning at 6:15. They will be held at her Greenfield studio (7 km. from town.) Examples of Nancy's work can be seen at the Palliser Restaurant. Anyone interested in attending this fun and informal class with lots of demos can phone Nancy at 897-1982 for the details.

Art & Jules  
is proud to present  
**Joy Laking's 2009**  
South American Exhibition  
Opening November 5  
(6:00-8:00pm)  
**100% of all sales for the Bolivian Art Project**  
(Art & Jules is located  
at 2089 Gottingen Street, Halifax, NS)

## TAS Needs a Co-President

At the last executive meeting, **Susan Sweet** submitted her resignation as one of the co-presidents of the Truro Art Society. Susan and Judy led TAS for two years, and Susan stayed on to help us get through the summer and into a new season.

Susan will continue to contribute in many ways, especially with regards to the website, but she feels she needs to give up the admin post.

Thanks, Susan. Great Job!

## Parklands' Edinburgh Gallery

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### Our 3rd Annual Art Acquisition Show & Sale

We would like to invite TAS Members to submit your work for possible selection at our 3rd Annual Art Acquisition Show and Sale. Our interest lies with artwork that reflects the landscape and /or the way of life here in Nova Scotia.

Registration is \$5.00 per entry, and limited to two pieces per person. We will be receiving artwork on September 30, 2009 from 9:00am-12:00pm unless otherwise arranged. Please price your artwork with tax included.

A Wine & Cheese Reception will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 7 pm, Edinburgh Gallery.

The show will run from October 1st until November 3rd. People's Choice Selection will be announced at the reception.

All other artwork will be available for purchase October 14th until November 3rd

The show will be advertised in the *Truro Daily News*.

Please submit artwork to Edinburgh Gallery at Parkland, Truro, 356 Young Street. Truro N.S.

For more information call Valerie at 843-8087

## **Cobequid Arts Council Hires New Executive Director**

“Donald Ferguson will be the new Executive Director of the Cobequid Arts Council” announced Dennis James, Chair of the Board of Directors. “We are excited about the experience that Donald brings to the position and look forward to working with him to continue to grow the presence of the Cobequid Arts Council (“CAC”) as manager of the Marigold Cultural Centre and promoter of arts and culture in the Truro and Colchester community” said James.

Donald Ferguson has been in the Arts and Culture business for almost 20 years in Nova Scotia. He started with CAC August 26, 2009. Originally from Cape Breton, Donald was formerly the general manager of the Savoy Theatre in Glace Bay, a role which has brought him to the forefront of Cape Breton's arts and culture sector for ten years.

Mr. Ferguson has extensive experience in arts and culture and was a member of the Culture Sector Team that prepared the report of recommendations that laid the ground work for the Nova Scotia Arts and Culture Partnership Council (NSACPC) that replaced the Nova Scotia Arts Council several years ago.

We wish him well in his new position, and trust he will come to appreciate the role of the Truro Arts Society in the cultural life of the area.

### ***Visual Arts News***

***Visual Arts News*** has an article this month called “Leading The Way,” by Mike Landry, and it is about arts councils and groups and funding, and TAS is featured prominently in this article along with GAPACC. Susan was interviewed for this article and Mike also talks about PTP and our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. TAS belongs to VANS and many of our members do too, but others may wish to pick up a copy. It is found on selected newsstands .

## **Labatt Breweries Purchase *Passage Thru Time***

The Shubenacadie Art Connection is pleased to announce that Labatt Breweries have purchased the painting “Passage Thru Time (Lock 5)” by Truro Art Society member Janice Guinan.

This painting has been donated to the archival collection of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission in memory of Alexander Keith who helped finance the canal construction. The painting will hang at the Elmsdale Train Station during TSAC exhibits September 19 to October 4<sup>th</sup> and then will be found at the Canal Commission’s Fairbanks Centre in Dartmouth.

Janice has two other works in the show, one will be in Gallery 215, Maitland and the other at the Tin Smith Shop in Shubenacadie. Congratulations Janice on this terrific honour!

And congratulations to our other TAS members with work in these juried shows, Jacqueline Steudler and Carol Morrison.

### **Web Help**

TAS has a web presence, but it has not been embraced by the membership. Only thirteen people have submitted biographies. To the public, it must seem like a very small select group. Yet our membership is near 100.

Members are asked to call Judy (902-261-2958) or Susan (261-2036) if they have questions or need assistance. Or send material to Judy at [judy.arsenault@gmail.com](mailto:judy.arsenault@gmail.com). Let’s expand our web presence.

### **Shubenacadie Art Connection**

The Shubenacadie Art Connection opened September 19 at 2 pm at Gallery 215 in Maitland, and runs until October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 different sites along the Waterway. TAS artists participating include Janice Guinan, Jacqueline Steudler, and Carol Morrison.