

Marlene Schaly

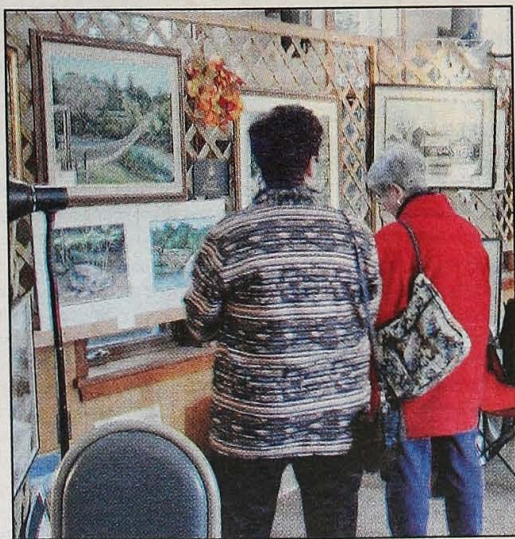


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Art at the Peaks

The Calabogie Peaks Art Festival was held Oct. 5 and 6 in the Peaks Lodge, drawing good crowds in to see the art exhibits. In top photo, Lisa and Frank Pecora entertain patrons taking in the art. In lower photo, viewers check out some of the local artwork. "This year is leaps and bounds over last year," Scott Rubie of the organizing committee said. "It's been a real success, and it's only going to get better next year. The Peaks likes us to have it here. It brings more people to the area." It's a possibility that next year's Peaks Art Festival might be held during the Rural Ramble, the 2002 version of which took place Sept 28-29.



The Spruce Hedge Kids will be in the spotlight at the Calabogie Peaks Art Festival fashion show Saturday — (from left) Catrina Huyer, Kelsie Riopelle, baby Gabriel Huyer, Kiya Schaly and Katie Schaly. Oct 2/02

Music and art at the Peaks this weekend

Several local musicians and a couple of poets will be in the spotlight this weekend. Oct. 5-6 at the inaugural Calabogie Peaks Arts Festival.

The free weekend of art, music and country fall colours features the work of Mother Nature and several Ottawa Valley artists in such media as watercolours, oil painting and fabric art. The festival runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Peaks lodge.

A fashion show featuring the work of Marlene Schaly is set for 11 a.m. Saturday upstairs in the main Peaks building.

Several musicians and a poet will entertain Saturday morning. They include:

- **Lisa Pecora** — a mezzo-soprano soloist and choral conductor. She has a vocal studio in Arnprior. She founded the 50-voice Arnprior Community Choir and performs in the Ottawa-based choral ensemble 'Seventeen Voyces'. She is co-founder and musical director of the Arnprior Summer Music Camps where children aged 4 to 14 benefit from choral singing, musical activities and professional recording.

- **Frank Pecora** — a music and math teacher at Arnprior District High School, where he leads an active instrumental and vocal program. This year he will be taking the five 'gold level' ensembles to Musicfest Nationals in Toronto. He is also a trumpet soloist and performs with the Ottawa-based brass quintet 'Celebration Brass'.

- **Gabrielle Fawcett** — the 16-year-old Arnprior District High School Grade 11 student has studied voice since the age of 11 with Lisa Pecora. She has participated in several vocal festivals and has sung at many different local social events. She is a member of the ADHS jazz choir that won gold at Musicfest this season. She hopes to study voice in university;

- **Angela Struyk-Huyer** — a recent arrival in the Ottawa Valley from British Columbia where she taught English, journalism and religious studies. Currently at home with a six-month-old baby, she is a part-time tutor. She has played violin for

many years, given beginning violin lessons and was a member of college and community orchestras. Now she plays the violin for her church and for pleasure;

- **Wes Bomhower** — the Calabogie resident is well-known for his poetry in the *Renfrew Mercury*. Kiya Schaly will be reciting some of his autumn poems.

After a barbecue lunch Saturday, Lisa and Gabrielle will entertain downstairs, singing some classical pieces.

Entertaining Sunday at 2 p.m. will be:

- **Steven McAllister** — an 18-year-old Arnprior resident, he has been playing the guitar for seven years, performing in several public concerts;

- **Cathy Brennan** — a local poet, artist and musician, she will be reciting some of her poetry for the first time locally.

Among the artists featured in the show are Sheila Fletcher, Carolyn Jakes, Dwyene MacNabb, Sonya Morglan, Ray Masalas, Betty Reese, Valerie Seanson, Nancy Bailey, Shirley Hickey-Chapeskie, Basil Pessin, Barbara Price, Scott Rubie, Adrianna Saba, Diana Wakely, Karp Seeman and Marlene Schaly.

Saturday's fashion show will feature about 40 outfits created by Schaly over the last 10 years. Most will be modelled by young local children.

Schaly, of the Springtown area, has been creating clothing since she was 12, but hasn't held a public fashion show for six years.

A spinal injury has slowed her production over the past 15 years. For years she could only sew standing up at the machine or laying down to hand sew. Now she is able to sew about an hour a day despite the limitations.

Some of the clothing is specialized wedding apparel, to be modelled in a mock wedding featuring the beautiful voices of Lisa and Gabrielle and interpretive dance by 12-year-old Racheal Cowell.

Schaly has some available spots in the show for girls between one-and-a-half and three years old. Call her at 432-5778 if you have a daughter interested in modelling.