

Grafton family has special memories of the Royal Visit

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OTTAWA — The Royal Visit of 2011 will always mean something special to the Ainsworth family of Grafton, especially 10-year-old Trent.

Both Trent and his 12-year-old brother Nicholas are avid Royal followers (which their mother Lisa attributes to the influence of her own dad John McMillan), but especially Trent.



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"He has a very significant interest in William and Kate in particular," Lisa said.

"He's watched their wedding like nine times. He's been to Canada Post to get the stamps and coins, and he has a fair amount of collectible items."

She and husband Rick decided to take June 30 off and drive to Ottawa for the chance of seeing the Royals in person. They arrived about 11 a.m., and luck was with them. Not only did they get a parking spot in the ByWard Market, but they also found a great spot to stand near the War Memorial.

Only about one row of people was in front of them, hardy souls who'd been there since about 5:30 a.m.

"We planted ourselves in that spot and stayed there!" she said.

At about 2:45 p.m., a tall man in front said he saw them coming. William worked the crowds on the McMillan side, with Kate working the other side.

"Trent was saying, 'William! William!' He said, 'Oh, hello there,' shook his hand and moved on."

"(Prime Minister) Stephen Harper was following in his wake. He said, 'Oh, we have a redhead here,' and spoke to Trent."

"He was so excited, and we were very excited for him. He said he was never going to wash that hand again — but he has, thankfully."

Family photos, unfortunately, show nothing of Trent — just odd angles of William. Fortunately, CTV News film showed Trent from the eyes up. Still, the memories will be fun to share in September, when he returns to Grafton Public School.

"He said it was the most exciting day he ever had. They were so personable, the crowd was so happy to be there. It will be something he



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An unknown elbow blocks the fact, but this is Prince William shaking hands with 10-year-old Trent Ainsworth of Grafton.

will remember forever," Lisa said.

WELCOME — July 16 and 17, rain or shine, Kathryn McHolm brings In A Garden back to Welcome.

This annual show and sale involves works inspired by the garden, from the garden or for the garden.

Kathryn's own garden will be studded with such delights as Veronica Derry's fibre art, Amy Quinn's garden structures, Carrie Osborne's needle art and tin work, Jane Weeks's beeswax candles and natural soaps, Karen Elmquist's hand-made glass beads, Martin Everist's rustic furniture and wooden ware, Paul Portelli's garden sculptures, Laura Fetterley's prints, Karen Franzen's ceramics and Kathryn's own paintings and drawings.

You will also enjoy the fragrance of baking from Kathryn's outdoor adobe oven, music by wandering minstrel Elizabeth Barlow, tea and goodies by Rebecca Brown and Lynda Brown, and gluten-free baking by Alysha Coughler and

Take time for a sip of garden punch or herbal tea as you enjoy native plants, butterfly plants and

herbs.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, and Kathryn's garden is at 4749 County Rd. 2. For more information, contact Kathryn at 905-753-2196 or kathrynsrgarden@nexicom.net.

COBOURG — The rivalry is back Aug. 18 at the 18th annual Mayor's Cup Challenge golf tournament at Dalewood Golf Club.

This Northumberland United Way fundraiser is a best-ball scramble format with an 8 a.m. start. Your \$150-per-golfer registration includes 18 holes, lunch, a seat in a two-person golf cart and a tax-deductible charitable receipt, not to mention fun activities and contests plus a silent auction.

Payment is required by Aug. 5, and you can register by calling 905-372-6955 (or drop

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CASTLETON — The Castleton Sports Club invites you to their Aug. 13 family night.

It's similar to last year's, Castleton Cardinals director Jeff Turney

said, with a few additions. The list includes two 25-ft. portable rock walls, four large inflatables (including an obstacle course), live music, a pitching machine to test your skills and an outdoor movie on a giant inflatable screen to wind up the evening.

"It was a great night, and worth the time and effort to do it again," Jeff said.

Some 350 to 400 people attended last year to help the group in its efforts to provide young people and adults with a safe place to enjoy sports and activities for all ages, from volleyball and soccer to ice-skating in the winter.

Jeff is pleased to announce they've held the price to \$5 per person to enjoy all activities — with the exception of the delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, fries and corn-on-the-cob from the barbecue.

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EXHIBIT: Artist explores relationship between the human body and sacred symbols

Roy show features in Colborne non-objective art pieces

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PORT HOPE - Long time Port Hope teacher Heather Roy has an upcoming show at the Colborne Art Gallery.

She will be showing a collection of 10 pieces mostly large oil paintings that are classified specifically as non-objective art but for the uninitiated could also be called abstract.

Roy works without a plan. It develops as she works.

"So I call that working inside out," she says.

"About halfway through my process I start to work more formally making decisions based upon principles of art. In the beginning it is very intuitive, from the gut, a response to something. Usually I don't know what it is until I work it further.

"This show explores a sense of relationship between the human body and sacred symbols," she says. "Usually they are pretty big ideas and I don't expect people to see them."

"People really take what they want from what they see. My goal is for people enjoy it in terms of what it actually looks like. And then read into something that is meaningful to them."

Roy attended Dawson College New School back in the day. More recently, she has studied at the Haliburton School of the Arts, the Toronto School of Art and worked in the studios of various painters with one of her favourites being local painter Fiona Crangle.

Mothering, and teaching have been central focuses of her working life. In her forties she started to feel the tug toward art.

"I have been really low key. Its a hard job being a teacher. Joining the gallery was a big step for me. I need to be regular; I need to be committed to



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Port Hope artist Heather Roy will be the featured artist at the Colborne Art Gallery July 16 to Aug. 21.

have times when I show. Previous to that, making works largely for myself, I was on the studio tour but I really wasn't trying," Roy says.

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"I am more serious about making it part of my life and in a couple of years when I retire, hopefully it will be my life."

The name of her exhibit is Get A Life.

She says the title works on various levels. It's about "being a painting a geek... in my studio all the time."

Also when she is working its about "the flow you get into... the process you get into is like in a whole different life.. it has

its own kind of different parameters."

Its a process she says is a metaphor for conducting your life.

"When I am making decisions... all the decision making, the balancing, the thinking about fit within the frame — it's all for me very metaphorical.

"On a spiritual level, just the affirmation of making art is part of being alive. That's the part I really practice in my teaching."

There is also an installation at the gallery at the same time by artist Annie McDonald with sculptures in ceramic and encaustic paint.

The show runs from July 16 to Aug. 21.

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