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COLBORNE -- Deborah Uman-Sures's show Paintings opens at the Colborne Art Gallery Aug. 25 and continues through to Sept. 30. *INDEPENDENT AUG-23/12*

Artist set to reveal creations

Tenderness and honesty on the canvases at Colborne Art Gallery

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COLBORNE -- Not getting lost in a word has been the main inspiration for a new art show simply called Paintings.

Described as a small woman who creates large canvases, Deborah Uman-Sures will be presenting her work at the Colborne Art Gallery Aug. 25 to Sept. 30. Fellow gallery co-op member Annie McDonald says the display is like a breath of fresh air.

"I find them to be both powerful and still in equal measure," she said about the work.

Ms. McDonald said most of Ms. Uman-Sures's paintings feature figures or portraits presented in a theatrical space that are intriguing and pull the viewer in.

"She presents wonderfully large faces that fully engage me," she said. "They sit on a knife's edge between representation and abstraction."

Ms. Uman-Sures said art was something that came naturally to her family and was always a topic of conversation at home. "Art is a natural part of life and a lovely way for a person to express themselves," she said.

Interacting with her environment and breathing in the world around her has always been an inspiration often reflected in her finished products, she said.

"The actual physical act of painting is something I really enjoy," she said, adding that is one of the reasons she likes work-

ing on a large canvases.

Having grown up in New York city, Ms. Uman-Sures had many opportunities to experience art on a large scale and, with her parents, would visit galleries and museums quite often.

Through her travels she has studied and worked in the U.S., England, France, Japan and Canada and she now calls Cobourg home after falling in love with its beach.

Being part of a cooperative such as the Colborne Art Gallery is a wonderful partnership because they truly work together to make the shows happen, she said.

Even though it is her upcoming show that is being featured, she will in turn bring all she has to offer to help the next artist at the cooperative present their work, she said.

"Art is one of life's great pleasures," she added.

Theme for 162nd Warkworth Fair includes cowboy boots and roots

Wild, Wild West Show added to Warkworth events

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WARKWORTH - Partners, it's time to dust off the Stetson and shine up the spurs, the theme for the 162nd Warkworth Fair is "cowboy boots and country roots."

So expect to see some trick riding, knife throwing, whip cracking and other fancy stuff as part of a Wild, Wild West Show put on by the folks at Tom Bishop's 4B Ranch Productions.

Two performances are scheduled, at 1 and 7 p.m. Sept. 8.

The shows are new, as are two other attractions that have been added to the Saturday schedule -- Strut Your Mutt, at 11 a.m., and a square dancing, 12:30 p.m.

Strut Your Mutt will give dog owners of all ages an opportunity for their pets to win in a variety of categories, such as best dressed, largest or smallest.



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WARKWORTH -- Kiera Taylor, Jenna Russell and Amy Newman were fascinated with an Argentine tegu held by a Jungle Cat World employee at the 2011 Warkworth Fair.

Fair organizers hope the three additions will prove as popular as the three that were introduced last year - the beef on a spit barbecue (which sold out), Rona Craft for Kids (12:30 p.m., Sept. 9), and the Junior Farmer Challenge (1:30 p.m.,

also on the Sunday). The latter event pits young people nine and under and 10 to 15, against each on an obstacle course to see who can complete it the fastest.

Up for grabs this year as top prize for the annual car draw is a 2012 Dodge Journey. Tickets can be purchased at Warkworth Farm Supply or from members of the Percy Agricultural Society. Their names and the schedule of events can be seen at www.warkworthfair.com.

"We really do have something for everyone," director Tracy Russell said, including shows of all kinds - baby, beef, truck, classic car and wild animals -- as well as tractor and horse pulls, and a small midway.

"If they don't think we have something, then come give us some new ideas," Ms. Russell said, adding: "We're open to new members."

The fun begins with the demolition derby Friday night at 8 p.m., Sept. 7. The following night, the Rudy and Saddle Up band will play for the first time at the Warkworth Fair, start time is 7 p.m.