

Celebrating culture

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The sun shone on pow wow participants Saturday as they celebrated their culture.

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Work of Toronto artists will be featured in festival

By John Campbell

News - Warkworth - Artists from Toronto will display their work at various locations on Main Street for 16 days beginning next month.

The contemporary arts festival, which will run from August 23 to September 7, is being organized by Sunday Drive Art Projects, a not-for-profit organization based in Toronto.

"What we're trying to do is bring a different kind of art to Warkworth, things that aren't normally exhibited just because there's not really a space or a venue to do that on an ongoing basis," said Sunday Drive founder Tania Thompson. "It's non-commercial work so it tends by the nature of it to steer away from painting or small sculptures or crafts, and lean more toward an immersive kind of installation experience rather than something you would purchase."

So far, six locations have been lined up but Thompson hopes that will expand to as many as nine.

"Some of them are vacant and some of them are just unused," she said. "We have storefronts at the

Mews and a few others I have to confirm."

The exhibits will be available for viewing Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. opening day August 23, however, will begin at 3 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m., as "there will be projections and we need it to be dark," Thompson said.

The artists' works are "more experiential" which make them "very interesting."

Although "new and different," they're "just an expansion of the activity going on day to day" in Warkworth, a designated arts community.

"There is an affinity for creative projects and so we'll be one of them."

Thompson said she wanted to introduce Toronto artists to the arts community in Warkworth because the village "is terrific and more people should know about it, especially creative people."

She approached artists who have been active in Toronto for 20 years or more, "as well as some newer, younger ones [who] are doing really interesting things" and asked if

they would like to take part.

Most of them readily agreed, and since then she's been doing site visits with the artists.

"All had been unaware of Warkworth prior to these site visits and were blown away by the village," she said. "Everybody I take up there immediately falls in love with Warkworth, so I feel like it's working already."

Last year Sunday Drive Art Projects applied for a \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to transform a local garage into a gallery and to underwrite programming but was unsuccessful.

"We didn't get our funding which was disappointing but the feedback was we should carry on and do our programming and try again so that's what we've done," Thompson said. "We were well supported and did manage to get funding for this project"—\$46,000—and will continue to operate this way "until we can take another crack at finding permanent space."

To learn more about Sunday Drive Art Projects, visit <www.sundaydrive.org>.



RITTWAGE, James Harold "Jim" - Peacefully at the Northumberland Hills Hospital, Cobourg on Sunday June 15th, 2014 in his 65th year. Beloved husband of the late Gwen Rittwage (nee Reed). Loving father of Crystal Beaudry (Rene), Melissa Rittwage (Will Askew), Reino Rittwage (Matt Sheady) and the late Jamie Rittwage. Dear grandfather of Elijah, Kristain, Shekayla, Amilya, Kiara, Jonah and great grandfather of Kylie. Lovingly remembered by his mother Lillian Baitley, his brother William Rittwage, sisters Barbara Grills, Theresa McClintock and pre-deceased by his father Jack Rittwage. A private family graveside service will be held in Colborne Union Cemetery. A celebration of Jim's life will be held at Brighton Legion on Saturday, July 19th from 7 p.m. - 1 p.m. If desired donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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