

Juried show on now at the Colborne Art Gallery

By Ray Yurkowski

News - Colborne - It was a very good weekend for Mississauga artist Audrey Smith.

First was the announcement at the opening reception to launch the Colborne Art Gallery second annual juried show. She won top honours; then, just minutes later, the award-winning painting was sold. The next day, she celebrated her birthday.

Smith says she has won awards at other juried shows but never as the overall top choice.

"This is so exciting," she said. "I'm so honoured. I'm so impressed by the level of artwork at this show."

"With awards or somebody buying your work, you feel so validated. You feel you're going in the right direction."

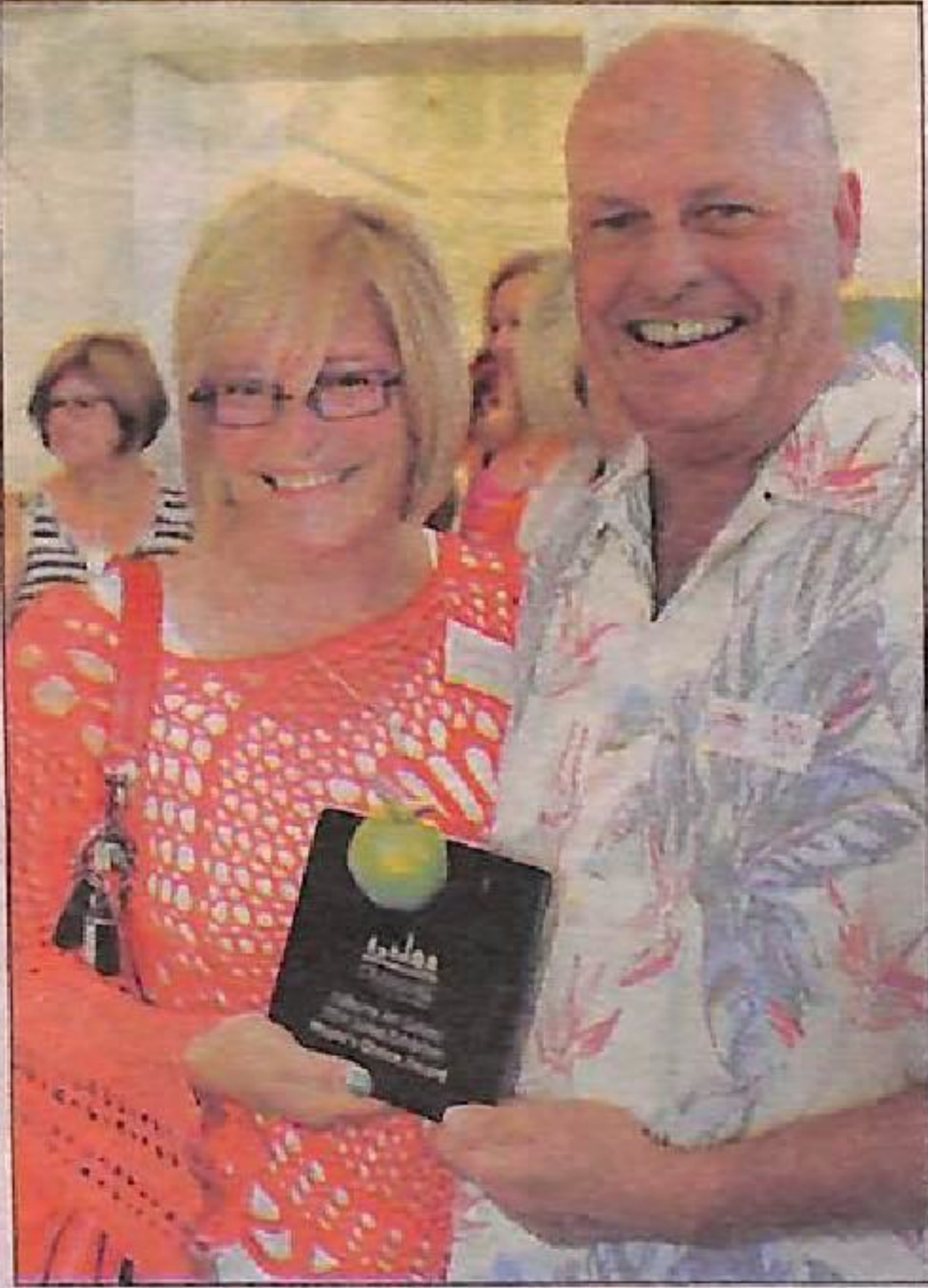
How did she end up submitting her work to the Colborne show?

"I've always wanted to be part of a show close to my dad," she said. Calling him "an inspiration" to her creative pursuits, the Cobourg resident has attended her shows in and west of Toronto.

"I thought how nice it would be to be part of a show so he would just have to come a short way," said Smith. She entered and dad was in attendance when she found out she won.

"It doesn't get much better than that," she said with a laugh.

Olexander Wlasenko, curator of the Station Gallery at Whitby, took on the challenge of reviewing 131 submitted works from 58 artists to select the collection for the show. Calling it "a really



Newtonville artist Nancy Moore receives the Mayor's Choice Award from Cramahe Township Mayor Marc Coombs at the second annual Colborne Art Gallery juried show. Photo: Ray Yurkowski



Mississauga artist Audrey Smith won the Juror's Award, the top prize at the second annual Colborne Art Gallery juried show for "Vulnerable," an acrylic, conte, charcoal, pastel work on wood panel. Photo: Ray Yurkowski

exhilarating experience," he chose 52 works from 49 artists, who made the cut.

A broad diversity of media and styles are represented, including drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, fibre art and jewellery, from artists as far away as New Brunswick.

The Mayor's Choice Award, selected and presented by Cramahe Township Mayor Marc Coombs, went to Newtonville artist Nancy Moore.

"I was in this morning and chose my favourite piece," Coombs told the

full-house crowd. "I may not know a lot about art, but I know what I like. It was suggested I choose someone from Colborne, since it's an election year, but I tried not to look at the names of the artists."

Honorable mentions included works from Gerald Banting of Brighton; Marcella Rosemberg (Cobourg);

Marion Meyers (Port Perry); and Angela Hennessey (Cannington).

The show runs from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday until August 17 at the Colborne Art Gallery, housed in the historic East Northumberland land registry office, at 51 King Street East. Log on to <www.thecolborneartgallery.ca> for more information.

New Meals on Wheels provider for Cramahe clients



Community Care Northumberland (CCN) has a new local provider for its Meals on Wheels service in Cramahe Township: Black Dress Catering in Colborne owned by Donna Rusaw (second from the right; with her are CCN program assistant in Colborne Brenda Chapman, on the left, and volunteers Brenda Dolha and Ted Pedlar). Hot meals are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a fee of \$6 to seniors and adults with disabilities who cannot cook for themselves or easily shop for groceries. Volunteers deliver meals to the client's home during the noon hour. Special diets can be accommodated. To obtain a meal option schedule or to register for the service, call 905-355-2989. Photo: Submitted