

First youth exhibition paves new path for Colborne Art Gallery

Young artist Zoe Bergeron, 12, kick-starts youth involvement

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NORTHUMBERLAND -- A young artist's dream has laid a new foundation for future exhibitions at the Colborne Art Gallery.

The Colborne Art Gallery opened its doors for its first youth art exhibition recently.

About 140 pieces submitted by Northumberland students ages 11 to 14 were on display thanks to Zoe Bergeron, 12, who contacted the gallery in the fall in hopes of arranging a youth show.

To her surprise, they agreed.

"Members were all for it," curator Jillian Roos-Markowitz previously told the Northumberland News.

"The show went extremely well. Since it's the first one, it's always hard to guess what will happen."

Zoe's father, Rod, has been a member at the gallery for four years, but had no idea his daughter penned a proposal and sent it to the gallery.

"I thought, I'll give it a shot," Zoe previously told the Northumberland News.

Her father helped her organize the show and spread the word to local schools. They weren't sure how many pieces they would receive, but knew they planned to hang each one.

"The show was one of the best attended shows the gallery has ever had," he said in an e-mail. "Zoe is glad the process is over and has already started to plan for next year."

The curator already has it on the schedule for next year.

Ms. Roos-Markowitz said more than 70 people attended the inaugural event and she plans to continue engaging youth at the gallery.



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COLBORNE -- Artist Zoe Bergeron, 12, organized Colborne Art Gallery's inaugural Northumberland Youth Art Exhibition recently. The gallery displayed artwork from various students ages 11 to 14.

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"The future for youth at the Colborne Art Gallery is very promising," she said. "We realize that our youth must be encouraged. Art is what any civilization leaves

behind, the future life of the CAG depends on the young people that we as members of the CAG encourage today."

Colborne drumline groups place first in Quebec



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Two winning performances at championships

Chad Morford, Colborne Public School teacher

COLBORNE -- The Colborne drumline groups took home first place wins in a provincial championship.

The Colborne Public School Drumline placed first in Intermediate Class ahead of five other ensembles with their performance of "Battle for Peace" at the Canadian Drumline Association's Quebec Provincial Championships on May 7.

Oak Ridge Percussion, which is comprised almost entirely of former Colborne Public School students, placed first in the Premier Class, the top classification for the most advanced groups with their performance of "Barefoot and Blue Jeans".

Both groups were expected to compete at the Ontario Provincial Championships in Toronto last month.

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