Painter inspired by childhood

To paint, French Canadian artist Claude Chalifour, looks to her memorable childhood for inspiration.

"It (childhood) was the happiest time of my life," Ms. Chalifour says. "It was full of love and fantasy."

It's no wonder then that a lot of her paintings are romantic, colorful images of children - especially girls.

Ms. Chalifour's work, which has been shown world-wide, is currently on display at Georgetown's Campbell House Gallery on Main Street and will be until early November.

The 32-year-old artist was born in Quebec City and says ever since she can remember, she has always painted. "I think painting is a mission for me."

"I think wanting to be a painter also has a lot to do with my mother," she added.

Her mother is famed Canadian artist Paule Boisvert.

Ms. Chalifour said painting about her childhood helps to get through the bad times.

But she adds her paintings are also inspired by her times spent in South America and Mexico. She lived in South America from 1979 to 1980 and then in Mexico for the following six years.

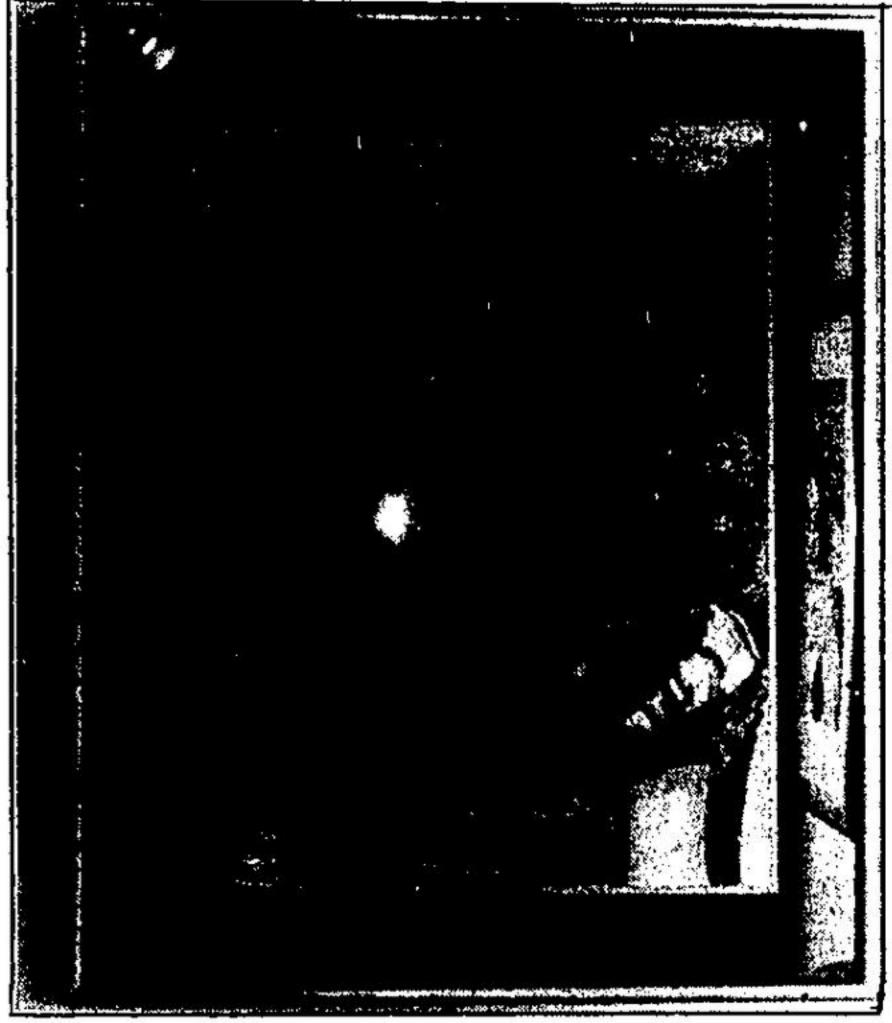
In one painting on exhibition, entitled "De algo sehata," or "all about something," a young girl is shown with a smile across her face on a swing with a Mexican doll. Also included in the painting is a duck, Mexican fruit, an instrument and flowers.

Repetition is another aspect about her paintings. Ms. Chalifour paints a lot of twins. "If you see something nice, why not paint it more than once."

Ms. Chalifour says, however, that the soul of her paintings is in the eyes of the people she paints. "The eyes tell of the emotion I'm feeling at the time.

"I'm not interested in people remembering my name when I die. I want to perpetuate my feelings."





The Main Street Campbell House Gallery in Georgetown is currently. hosting an exhibition of surrealist watercolors by famed French Canadian artist Claude Chalifour. This painting entitled "Precious Nina" is only one of the many works on display at the gallery. The show runs until mid-November. (Herald photo)

Trace your roots

Avoiding Creating your own Dead-ends, by guest speaker Angus Baxter, well known Canadian writer on genealogy at the Halton-Peel Branch, Ontario Society meeting, Genealogical Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. held at Chinguacousy Library (Civic Centre) Bramalea City Centre. Halton-Peel Branch will also be celebrating its 15th anniversary. at this meeting. Visitors welcome.







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Plymouth committee! There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. Members are to return any unsold tickets and money from the Octoberfest night. The Oc-

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ENTERTAINMENT: In the auditorium on Oct. 28, Honors and Awards Night - Moonlighting. On Nov. 4 in the lounge - Peter Edge.

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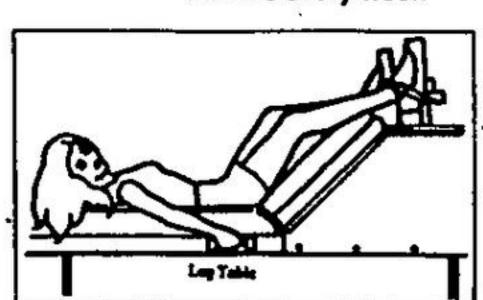
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