New, international watercolour exhibit on display at Helson Gallery

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Over the next month, the Helson Gallery and Sisnett Lobby in downtown Georgetown will be home to a collection of 125 watercolour paintings by artists of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour and the France Watercolor Society.

The Sisnett Lobby will house the Canadian works, while the Helson Gallery will display the French pieces, as well as one special showcase of historical Canadian watercolour paintings.

Following its time in Georgetown, the exhibit, titled Au-delà des mers: Between Friends; Across the Seas: Entre Amis, will move to Avignon, France. The paintings of two local artists, Williams Mills painter Marlene Madole and Brampton artist Mark Rosser, will be travelling along with it.

Madole's painting Big Blue III, features a cluster of grapes from her father's orchard in the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia.

"I'm sending Canadian grapes to a wine district in France," she said. "It's perfect. I couldn't be happier."

Mark Rosser's watercolour Rain Lake reflects a view from an Algonquin Park



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Mark Rosser's painting depicts Rain Lake from an Algonquin Park ranger cabin- a truly Canadian scene.

ranger cabin, mid-morning. With this particular work, Rosser says he placed a strong focus on the joy and movement of pigments.

As for the painting's French debut, Rosser says he is excited to have been chosen for a piece that so thoroughly represents Canada.

"What's more Canadian than a scene from Algonquin Park?" he said.

Au-delà des mers: Between Friends; Across the Seas: Entre Amis will be on display in Georgetown until July 7. For more information, visit https://www.haltonhills.ca/gallery/.

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