

# Arts & Entertainment

## Studio tour has a little bit of everything artistic

FASM-run event held this weekend

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As many Miltonians have already discovered, there's no better way to enjoy an autumn afternoon in town than by devoting a day — or even two — to the Milton Area Studio Tour, put on by the Fine Arts Society of Milton (FASM).

The sixth annual arts and crafts tour will take place tomorrow and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature the works of 40 artists at 30 locations throughout the Milton area.

Tour organizer Gwen Gent said it's a great way to get to know Milton — as well as its artists — better.

"A lot of people don't go through the back roads, and they're beautiful," said Ms Gent, who's a potter and a stop on the tour.

Visitors will see work on display and for sale in diverse media including original paintings in oil, acrylic, pastel and water-colour, and sculpture in clay, stone, wood, cement and metals. There will also be pottery, art photography, jewelry, furniture, blown glass and stained glass and even garden furniture.

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Work is figurative and abstract, decorative and functional, and of both landscape and still life.

"It's fun to see what's out there," Ms Gent said, adding subject matters range from race cars to animals.

The tour is free and self-directed, meaning participants can browse at their desired pace at the locations they're interested in.

Ms Gent said lots of parents take their children along.

"It's a great way to introduce your children to art," she said.

Some restaurants have also become involved, offering special meals for the weekend.

This year's tour will guide guests to studios in rural and urban Milton as well as neighbouring Kilbride and Moffat. It can be started from any of the 30 locations on the map.

### Enjoyable for everyone

It's a good weekend for the artists as well as guests, Ms Gent noted.

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Each location will be marked with blue, yellow and white balloons and will have a studio tour number posted at the driveway. Visitors can follow the arrow road signs to the next location on the map or create their own route.

Suzanne LaSalle is a stained glass artist who's participating in the tour for the first time this weekend.

She specializes in gift items such as candle holders and lamps as well as larger items like panels and cabinets.

She said she's nervous about having people look at and critique her work, but excited all the same. There's nothing quite like



**Stained glass artist Suzanne LaSalle holds up her 'Man in the Moon' suncatcher outside her Bell Street studio — one of the many stops along this weekend's tour.**

Photo by **GRAHAM PAINE**

the feeling of selling something she's made, she said.

"When they like something and get it, it's thrilling," Ms LaSalle said.

She added her two sons — six-year-old Michael and five-year-old Jack — like to help her with her projects by picking out colours, and will hopefully be just as helpful tomorrow and Sunday.

Marlene Kawalez is another of this year's participating artists. She works with polymer clay to make figures — kids, adults and Santa Claus among them.

She said she's especially pleased to be taking part in the Milton Area Studio Tour — this is her second year — because she wants her work to be known in Canada the way it is in the United States.

"Ninety-nine per cent of what I've sold is in the American market," she said. "Canada is a hard sell."

It's hard work getting her name out, she said, and perseverance is a must. But the

studio tour helps.

"Sometimes I think, 'Why didn't I listen to my mom?' She told me to be a secretary," Ms Kawalez said, laughing.

Anyone, whether young or old, will enjoy the tour, she said.

"You get in your car, get a coffee and spend the day. It's like an art gallery, but it's better because it's outdoors."

Tour brochures are available at the Milton Public Library, the Tourist Information Centre, the Leisure Centre, the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, Town Hall, Halton Hills Fine Jewellery, Zak's Pharmacy, Wakefield Dentistry, the Harrop Restaurant and Art Gallery, the Milton Mall information board, Unique Frame and Art and other places around town.

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