

ARTS

Wide array of art to be featured at show

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Local artists will be unveiling their works for all to see at the upcoming 'From Heart to Hand' art show next weekend, which promises to be a feast for the eyes.

Put on by members of the Fine Arts Society of Milton (FASM), the annual show and sale will feature a large variety of art, including paintings, sculptures, fabric art, pottery and photography — to name a few — by artists from all walks of life and experience levels.

"FASM is such a varied group, probably more than any other art group I've seen," said FASM's Nancy Cuttle.

A reception and sale of original artwork, plus a silent auction, will take place next Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Milton Sports Centre, 605 Santa Maria Blvd. On Saturday, Mar. 7, the show and sale will continue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., also at the sports centre.

The Saturday show is a chance for residents to see what local artists have been up to in a relaxed, casual atmosphere, as well as for people interested in joining FASM to find out more about the organization.

More than 40 artists will be participating, each bringing a trio of works to display and discuss with show-goers.

Chairing the show committee once again



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WORKS OF ART: Three participants in FASM's 'From Heart to Hand' art show, which starts next Friday and continues Saturday, show their work. From left are Nan Gent, Ann Loker and Jeff McColl.

this year is Doug Elliott.

Cuttle, a clay sculptor, will be a featured artist along with Barb VanSickle.

The auction next Friday night is a fundraiser for FASM and will feature 60 small pieces up for bid, starting at just \$30. There will be 30 paintings on eight-by-eight-inch canvases and 30 framed shadowboxes.

"These little gems are an appetizer to

what (the artists) do in their art," Cuttle said.

Last year, the silent auction raised almost \$2,000 for the group.

Nan Gent is a long-time FASM member who's donating two watercolour canvases for the art auction.

One is of a wisteria bush at the Town Hall garden that drew her attention one day

while strolling about.

Her other painting features a castle garden Gent saw while on a trip to England.

Gent said part of the reason she wanted to do these pieces for the auction was to motivate her — after all, there's nothing like a looming deadline to get those creative juices flowing.

Having seen the FASM membership grow over the years, Gent said the quality of art produced is high.

"To see what Milton artists have to offer is really impressive."

Another participating artist is wildlife and wilderness photographer Jeff McColl. His framed pieces on display will include a photograph of Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area frozen in a winter wonderland.

The key to producing a beautiful photograph? "It's a matter of being in the right place at the right time," he said.

He explained that the lighting conditions have to be just so.

This is McColl's third year participating in the show, and he said it's been helpful for getting his name out. As well, he enjoys the interaction and feedback from the public.

Those who buy a piece at the show will find their purchase is all the more special after having met the artist, Cuttle said.

For more information, visit fasm.ca.

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