

Painter staging show

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"It (an art career) was always in the back of my mind, but I didn't see it as achievable," says the self-taught artist.

Still, his confidence rose as he won awards for his oil paintings, crafts and wood carvings at the Milton Fall Fair and received compliments for his cartooning and commercial art.

"So far sales have been moving smoothly and the future for Mike and his art business look promising," says Jennifer Campbell, Mr. McConnell's manager.

'Veronica,' which took 135 days to complete, will be unveiled tomorrow at a wine and cheese show at Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 139 Martin St., from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The original painting will be on display and 500 limited-edition prints will be available for sale.

Mr. McConnell will also have past works on display to show his beginnings in the art world and the progress he has made, he says.

The Milton firefighter says he plans to continue producing pieces that are thought-provoking and is currently working on a fire-related oil painting.



Mike McConnell

Tough times for Halton

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meet December 5.

In addition the police budget review will be forwarded to that committee upon completion.

Mr. Birkett warned councillors there is a definite possibility that the provincial cut-back could be more than the anticipated \$3.9 million. He said the region's budget proposal has almost \$400,000 built in to cover a higher cut.

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