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## Author and artist shares stories of life with *Wild & Woolly* creatures

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WATERLOO Artist and author Linda Johns knows what it's like to share a home with wild animals and birds. Johns will discuss the stories of these creatures and her book, *Wild & Woolly: Tails from a Woodland Studio*, on Monday, November 13, at 12 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre.

In *Wild & Woolly*, Johns paints vivid portraits of the stray and wounded creatures that she has rescued and adopted. The cast of real-life characters includes Edna the mild-mannered rabbit, Rogue the blind kitten and her sister Saffron, orphaned deer mouse Winner, Muffin the thespian dog, Ringo the raccoon and the goats Noa, Pat, Kamala, Alice, Poppy and Goatlips.

"Linda Johns's stories are funny, affectionate and full of feeling. They're really a treat to read and she illustrates them beautifully," says event organizer Kathryn Wardropper. "We try to bring a wide variety of authors to the community, and Johns certainly tells some extraordinarily original stories."

Johns and her husband live in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. As an artist she exhibits regularly in various galleries and her artwork has been featured in two television documentaries. In 1994 her book *Sharing a Robin's Life* won the Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction.

This is just one event in the Laurier Bookstore's Meet the Author series. In the past 15 years, the Laurier Bookstore has brought to the community such world-renowned authors as Margaret Atwood, Timothy Findley, W.O. Mitchell and Jack Granatstein, and recent Giller Prize-winner David Adams Richards.

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