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Heartsease found after challenging experiences and struggles
Marg Mallory-Smyth explores the pain of loss, separation, and death in collages

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WATERLOO – The Robert Langen Art Gallery will host an opening reception for an exhibition of collages titled *Heartsease* on Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. Artist Marg Mallory-Smyth will be on hand to discuss the exhibition, on display from October 7 to November 1.

Mallory-Smyth describes the mixed media work as being centered on major life events that challenge our beliefs including loss, fear, separation, pain and physical death. Each piece, in effect is a prayer, an invocation for heartsease.

“Often at these times we step closer to the deeply sacred, searching for answers or direction,” says Mallory-Smyth. “When we make our way through, we grow more knowing and hopefully stronger and more compassionate and gain understanding and heartsease.”

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts from Laurier, Mallory-Smyth received a bachelor of education from the University of Western Ontario. Her work has been displayed locally at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, The Gallery Stratford and at Homer Watson House and Gallery, where she is currently the artist-in-residence.

As Wilfrid Laurier’s visual arts centre since 1989, the Robert Langen Art Gallery provides knowledge, stewardship, appreciation and enjoyment of Canadian art and culture to the local community. The gallery is located in the John Aird Centre and is open 12 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. Admission is free.

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