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Urban development inspires local artist's oil painting exhibition

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WATERLOO – The Robert Langen Art Gallery will feature the works of local artist Peter D. Harris in an exhibition entitled *The Spaces Between*. This series of oil paintings has evolved over the years from the artist's growing interest in the urban development of North America. These wonderfully executed landscapes document the natural and artificial elements of urbanization. The exhibition runs from September 20 to October 14, 2006.

“My interest is in examining and documenting the land as it is, and inviting the viewer to look anew at the familiar,” explains Harris. “The process of depicting the familiar landscape is an attempt to change the perceived value we have of these spaces.”

Harris graduated from the University of Waterloo in 1997, where he majored in painting. He has exhibited extensively within Canada and the United States, and is currently represented by the Oxford Gallery in Rochester, New York, and the Mira Godard Gallery in Toronto. He recently completed a term as artist in residence at the Julia and David White artists' colony in Costa Rica.

As Wilfrid Laurier University'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 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. from Wednesdays to Saturdays. Admission is free.