Local artist has major show at Toronto gallery

By JOHN MONTGOMERY

CLAREMONT — The work of local artist Sally Wildman is featured this week in a one person show at Roberts Gallery, 641 Yonge St., Toronto.

This is the fourth major showing of Ms. Wildman's work and the third at that gallery.

The Claremont artist's work will be the major display there until May 1.

The 26 paintings and drawings being displayed represent about one year's work.

Ms. Wildman strives for what she calls a "magical quality" in her work. She works exclusively with old objects and uses unusual juxtapositioning to obtain this effect.

There is usually nothing concrete in the background of her pictures and she uses heavy brush strokes to produce a shadowy or foggy effect.

This impression is enhanced by making the major figures appear somewhat faint or faded.

For her large works she uses paper sealed with a clear acrylic and to get the soft coloring she prefers she uses inks. The inks have a very light color and have to be built up in successive layers.

For her smaller works she uses colored pencils or combinations of pencil and ink.

She says she likes things "sort of melting into each other."

"I'm not interested in painting things as they are," she told The Tribune, "I like dream-like things and magical things. Some people say I paint old things and its nostalgic but that's not what my paintings are to me."

She refuses to interpret her own paintings, saying it is the viewers function to do that but she did say she doesn't set out to make social statements.

Only one of her paintings, she says, set out deliberately to make a social comment and that was a picture she did to protest the Pickering airport.

Her subjects are taken from old photographs, newspaper pictures and from her own pictures she takes at auctions and other rural events.

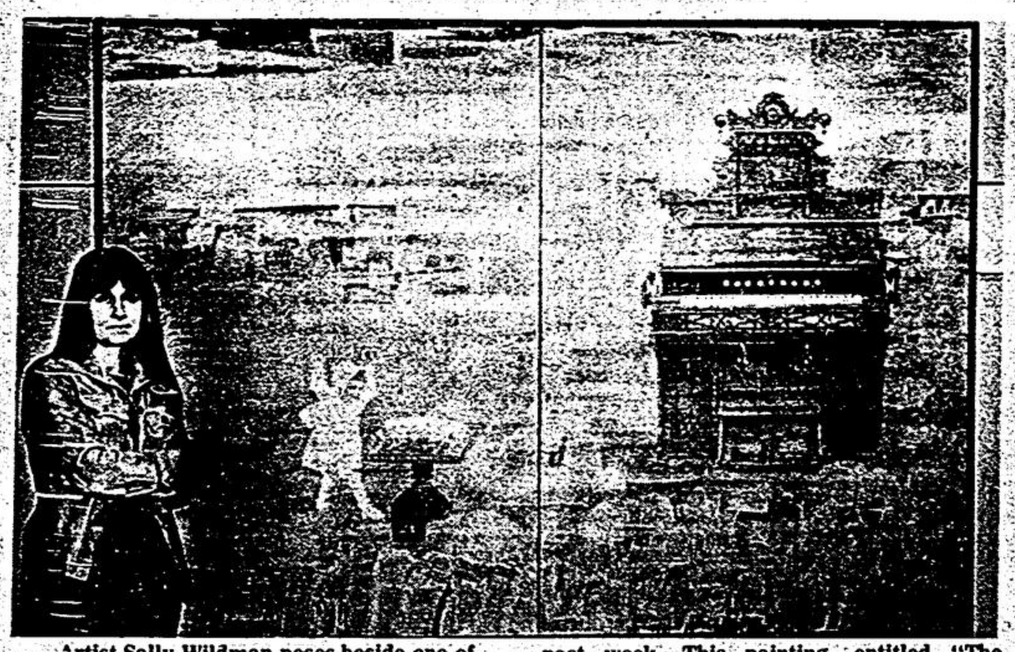
She says that sometimes when she starts a painting she has no preconceived idea of what she wants to do with it but just lets it progress naturally. Other times she starts out with a fixed idea but she says the finished work rarely turns out the way she had pictured it.

After graduating from the Ontario College of Art Ms. Wildman spent a year painting in London, England, on a travelling scholarship. Before she moved to the Claremont area she lived for several years at Lemonville.

Many of her subjects are from this area and she once painted a picture of auctioneer Walter Atkinson. According to Ms. Wildman the only critical comment she received from Mr. Atkinson was that he mentioned he wished she hadn't painted a picture of him wearing his old hat.

Several of her paintings were sold during the gallery's preview of her works and one of the purchasers of a larger work was Markham lawyer Paul Mingay.

The price on her works now being shown varies from $350 to $3,500. She admits some of the larger works can take a year or two to sell.



Artist Sally Wildman poses beside one of her paintings at Roberts Gallery in Toronto where she has been the featured artist for the past week. This painting, entitled "The Babys", shows the dream-like or magical quality she strives for in her art.
—John Montgomery

6th annual
Wealth of talent in music night

STOUFFVILLE — St. James Presbyterian Church in Stouffville will host its 6th annual Sacred Music Night service, Friday evening.

Time of the program is 8 p.m.

Representatives from seven churches in the community will take part. The offering will be divided between Fernie House, a home for troubled boys in Pickering, and Inter-Church Aid that includes Guatamala Relief.

Appearing for a first time at the worship is the Harvilites Quartet from Willowdale. A quartet from the Missionary Church in Stouffville will also attend.

Other guests include — Jesse Pike, Johanna Bernard, Becky Herbert, Christina and Valerie Hoover; Myra Koster and Ollie Nauta; Bill Leslie; Alice Hamm, Jean Hammond and Mary Grant; Gary, Ann, Paul and Andrea Grundy; Esther and Pauline Powell; the St. James Children's Choir and Rev. Ted Creen.

SDSS Prom May 8

STOUFFVILLE — Saturday, May 8, is the date this year for the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School May Prom entitled — "An Enchanted Evening".

It is being held at the Travel Lodge Hotel on Victoria Park Rd. at Highway 401 and is underway at 8:30 p.m. Dress for the prom is semi-formal and tickets are $12 per couple.

Tickets are available at SDSS.

STOUFFVILLE SCENE
What's going on

Hazel Bacon

Funeral service was held Saturday at O'Neill's Funeral Home for Hazel Bacon (nee Watson) who died April 22 at Scarboro Centenary Hospital at the age of 87. She was the wife of the late Thomas Bacon. She is survived by six children — Bertha (Mrs. E. Kidd), Alice (Mrs. J. Peddie), Donald, Douglas, Hazel (Mrs. E. Booth) and Myrtle (Mrs. C. Murkar). She also leaves nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Interment was Claremont Union Cemetery.

Black and Gold Ball

The Black and Gold Ball and Dinner will be held this year at the Japaanese Cultural centre, Saturday, May 29. The Eta Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is presenting the evening to raise money for the centennial project. Eddie Luther will be master of ceremonies with music provided by the Art Hallman orchestra. Call Bev Kettle at 640-3731 for further information.

Kinette fashion show

The Stouffville Kinette Club annual fashion show, this year entitled "The Days of Wine and Roses", will be held Monday, May 10 at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club. It starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are $4.50 per person. For tickets call 640-2846 or 640-1428.

First coffee hour

The Altona Missionary Church ladies hosted their first coffee hour Tuesday, April 20, with an attendance of about 60. Faith Crosby of Newmarket was the guest speaker. Hints for decorating with wallpapers and paint also formed part of the program. The next coffee hour will be Tuesday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m. when Mrs. Lee Bryant will speak. Maureen Henderson of the "Linen Cupboard" in Stouffville will give a practical demonstration.

Recovering nicely

It is reported that Diane Darling is recovering from recent surgery at Scarboro Centenary Hospital.

50th anniversary

Open House is being held this coming Saturday at the Stouffville Masonic Hall for Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Timbers of R.R. 1, Claremont, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Open house will be 2 - 4:30 and 7 - 9 p.m.

Easter visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steckley of Sarnia were Easter weekend guests with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steckley in Ringwood.

Recent wedding

Lori Deborah Grimshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grimshaw, was married April 13 to Brian Edward O'Quinn. On their return from their honeymoon in Florida, the couple will reside in Toronto. Both are employed at Imperial Oil.

Rummage sale

Christ Church Stouffville is holding a Rummage sale this coming Saturday (May 1) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the church, located on Sunset Blvd.

Birthday supper

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brownsberger were guests at the birthday supper of their grandson, Larry Peacock, at the home of his parents April 20.

Birthday party

The residents of Green Gables Manor enjoyed a birthday party Wednesday, April 21, for two of their number born in the month of April. Lemonville Brownies were on hand to provide a puppet show, recitation, singing and dancing. Janet Lowe sang, while Ollie Nauta played the guitar. Ed Goll and Gladys Sadler celebrate their birthdays this month.

25th anniversary

Mr. aand Mrs. Ted Assinck leave tomorrow for a three week holiday in Holland. The Assincks are taking the trip to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, which was April 28, and to honor Mrs. Assinck's parents 60th anniversary. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Koneders, of Holland, will observe their anniversary on May 13.

UCW travelogue

Local auctioneer Walter Atkinson is also quite a world traveller. Last week he presented a delightful travelogue on New Zealand for the ladies of Brown's Corners United Church at the UCW dessert luncheon.

Liberal ladies

A number of Stouffville area women took part in the Markham Women's Liberal tour last week, which included a visit to Kitchener to tour the J. M. Schneider plant. After a luncheon at the Berkely Room, at Bingman Park, the ladies visited the African Safari near Rockton. Mrs. Arthur Wideman, Vi McCreight and Mrs. Lena Stansbury attended from this area.

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