

# Artist has genetic talent

To Pie Menger, of the Menger Gallery in Gormley, painting comes naturally. With three brothers who are well-known Canadian artists, (James, Mitch and Colebrook Keirstead), Pie believes her talent is "genetic", and even though she has only been painting for six years, she has established herself as a gifted painter and teacher of watercolours.

Painting is actually a second career for Pie who taught Family Studies at Midland Collegiate in Scarborough for 10 years. In 1980, during a leave of absence from teaching, Pie took lessons in Japanese and Chinese painting and found herself hooked on watercolours. She decided to devote all her time and energy to painting.

Noted for her landscapes, the Haliburton Lake district has proven to be a great inspiration to Pie. Her favourite subjects include her family's log cabin, wild flowers, stumps and trees with "character", crashing waves and bold, dramatic skies. A studio artist, Pie works at the back of the gallery from photographs she has taken.

Pie and her husband, Wally Menger, have bought the old Gormley Post Office and transformed it into a delightful gallery which hosts a large selection of Pie's original watercolours, her brother's paintings, limited editions, and collector plates. Also available for the Christmas season are handmade tree ornaments by other members of this creative family.

## Gallery Round-up

By Beth Payne



The following are galleries with displays of original art on view throughout December.

**Bremner Fine Art**  
Join in the Christmas festivities at Bremner Fine Art Gallery this Saturday, Dec. 6. "A Christmas Show" features gallery artists Georgia Amar, George Baran, Alberto De Castro, David Fewster, Al Glassford, Dwayne Hart, Ron Kingswood, Bob Kuhn, Tom Mathews, George McLean, Maxine Noel, David Scott and Judy Von Zuben. The show opens Dec. 6, noon to 5 p.m. and runs through to Dec. 24 for last minute Christmas shoppers; 60 Bullock Dr., Markham. Monday - Friday, 10a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 294-1104.

**Latcham Gallery**  
During the holiday season the Latcham Gallery hosts Aquatints and Etchings by George Raab from Millbrook, Ont.

Located in the Whitechurch-Stouffville Public Library, this show will continue until Dec. 20. 65 Main St. W., Stouffville. Tuesday-Friday, 9a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 4 p.m.; 640-2395.

**Menger Gallery**  
Original paintings, limited editions and collector plates by the Keirstead family are on display at the Menger Gallery. From Nov. 27 through to Dec. 14, works by Pie are exhibited. Also on show are works by Mitch, Colebrook and James Keirstead. Stouffville Rd. between Hwy 404 and Woodbine Ave. Tuesday - Friday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; 887-5795.

**Williams Gallery**  
Local artists Enid Reed, Lois Steenson and Jessie Chin are exhibited at this gallery nestled in the back of the historic Queens Hotel in Unionville. Also featured are limited edition prints by well-known artists Robert Bateman, Tricia Romance and Ron Parker. 176-C Main Street, Unionville; 477-2749.

Inuit sculpture, works of art by Pauta, Oshoowetuk Ippellie and other Cape Dorset artists is displayed. 178-E Main Street, Unionville, Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment; 477-0363.

**White Bear Gallery**  
The White Bear Gallery specializes in North American Native art by such artists as Norval Morrisseau and Carl Ray. Located in the Old Town Hall, Markham. 96 Main Street, Tuesday - Saturday noon to 5 p.m.; 294-2194.

**Markham Theatre**  
The lobby of the Markham Theatre is hosting an exhibition of vibrant and lively watercolours by local artist, Pat Reedyk. View these beautiful Unionville scenes and florals until Dec. 18. From Dec. 19 to Jan. 18, an interesting display by the Sumi-E Artists of Canada will feature traditional Oriental Ink Painting by 20 artists; 171 Town Centre Blvd.; 479-0201.

Beth Payne is a Markham resident and freelance writer. She'll compile a list of York Region galleries displaying original art and feature shows every month. Beth can be reached through the Weekender office at 294-2200.



Artist Pie Menger has a passion for watercolours.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

## Free coats and clothes

Coats for children and clothing for people of all ages are being offered for free during December at the Markham Clothing Centre.

Hours of operation at the centre are Monday to Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

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