



## Terrier is artist's pet subject

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Staff Reporter

Sally Wildman has been surrounded by domesticated animals ever since she was a youngster growing up in her native England.

Today, such creatures remain an integral part of the acclaimed artist's life and work. Everything from dogs and ducks to pigs are portrayed as key figures in many of her original oil pastels and watercolors.

### Worked on farms

"I was brought up in the country and worked on farms as a

kid...I loved that life and I think that's why I'm in the country now," explained Ms. Wildman, who moved to Canada with her family in 1953.

She has been based in the Stouffville-Uxbridge area for the past 18 years and is presently working and living at a cottage studio near the hamlet of Altona.

Though she considers herself a realist painter, some of her work tends toward surrealism.

"I do paint them realistically sometimes but I also paint in a surrealistic manner with another element in there, not just the animal itself," Ms. Wildman said.

### Mirror images recent

A recent work depicts three mirror-like images of her favorite subject, a bull terrier, in the midst of a lush green maze. That large painting was part of a recent Sally Wildman show at the Roberts Gallery in Toronto.

An earlier surrealistic effort, Sheep Dip, is an amusing piece showing a furry barnyard animal on the diving board of an inviting swimming pool.

Ms. Wildman enjoys working with oil pastels, although she may also use watercolors and acrylics depending on "what I

get interested in at the time."

A graduate of the Ontario College of Art, she has been painting full-time since 1969. A long list of professional credits include group and solo exhibitions at galleries in Toronto, Montreal and others locally and beyond.

### Latcham Gallery

Ms. Wildman has been featured at Stouffville's Latcham Gallery and is scheduled to return there for a show this November. Her work is also represented in major collections in Canada, the United States and Switzerland.

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## Magical hat

Artist Sally Wildman checks out one of her oil pastel paintings, entitled The Magic Hat. The R.R. J. Goodwood resident often uses her own photographs of household pets and other domestic animals as the basis for whimsical artwork. She also portrays the human figure.

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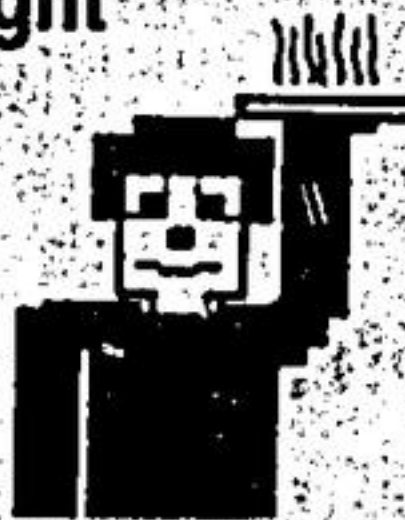
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