

Inuit sculpture show in Unionville

ESKIMO VISIONS
For the discerning collector of Inuit sculpture, works of art by Pauta, Oshoowetuk Ippellie and other Cape Dorset artists are displayed.
178E Main St. Unionville
Tuesday to Saturday 11-5 p.m. or by appointment.
477-0363

BLUE ORCHID
The Blue Orchid Restaurant in Stouffville is host to a showing of paintings by Joy Godfrey and Pat Reedyk until March 30. Ms. Godfrey paints in oils and Ms. Reedyk works in watercolors.
Tuesday to Friday 12-2 p.m.
Saturday 6-10 p.m.; Sunday 12-3 p.m.

BREMNER FINE ART
An exhibition of works in watercolor and egg tempera by wildlife artist David Scott will open March 26 and run through to April 11.

Gallery artists Georgina Amar, Alberto DeCastro, David Fawcett, Ron Kingswood, Tom Mathews, George McLean, David Scott and fibre artist Judi Von-Zuben continue to be presented.
60 Bullock Drive, Markham

Gallery Round-up

Rena Mingay

Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9-5 294-1104

LATCHAM GALLERY
Coming April 5 is Homage to the Pyramid by artist Joseph Muscat combining paintings and constructions. Running to April 25. Located in Whitechurch-Stouffville Public Library, 65 Main Street West, Stouffville
Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 12-4 p.m.
640-2395

GALLERY BROUGHAM
In a century-old school house in Brougham, the works of the talented young wildlife artist Marc Barrie are featured. Marc is a local self-taught artist who attended Uxbridge High School and who for a time was political

cartoonist for a community newspaper.

Marc Barrie's art is widely collected and is represented in 20 countries. He is recognized as one of Canada's finest artists in the field of high realism in nature art. The observation of nature while on field trips provides the vibrancy found in his paintings.

Original works, limited editions and artist's proofs are for sale at the gallery. Greeting cards are also available.

Brougham, Highway 7 just west of the Brock Road.
Wednesday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment.
683-7010.

WILLIAMS GALLERY
Local artists Enid Reed, Lois Steenson, Jessie Chin and Sharon Ellis are exhibited at this gallery

nestled in the back of the historic Queen's Hotel in Unionville. Also featured are limited edition prints by well-known artists Tricia Romance, Ron Parker and Jack Reid.
176C Main Street, Unionville
477-2749

MENGER GALLERY
The spring show of works by the members of the Keirstead family opens March 26 and runs until April 12. Represented will be works by Mitch, Pie and Colebrook Keirstead and introducing one more sister, Aneka, who paints mainly landscapes in oils.

Two new limited edition reproductions, signed and numbered by Mitch or Colebrook will be available.

The gallery has been expanded to include the upstairs which will now house the reproductions. The originals continue to be displayed on the main floor.
Tuesday to Friday 1-9 p.m. Saturday 10-5 p.m. Sunday 1-5 p.m.
Stouffville Road between Hwy. 404 and Woodbine Avenue
887-5795

Bluebird good omen

By ART BRIGGS-JUDE

When the early settlers came to this land, they cleared the forest growth creating fields and openings for their crops and livestock. While some forms of wildlife were pushed back and disappeared, others actually increased because of this change in landscape. Most noticeable to the pioneers were the soft-voiced birds that built their nests in the hollows of their rail fences or in the cavities of their homestead trees. This early spring migrant with the sky-blue wings and the earth-toned breast soon became known as their harbinger of spring. After enduring a long, cold winter with unbelievable hardships, the sight of the first bluebirds in March gave these struggling settlers new hope that spring with its milder weather was at last on the way.

Yet this relationship was not limited to the bird's arrival as a good omen, for the bluebird often became a neighbour at the well, a chorister along the lane, and an ally in their garden. Even with little time to spare from the never ending toils required to survive, the pioneers and the farmers that followed were familiar with this trusting bird. Poets, scribes, and composers were inspired by its plaintive notes and pleasant disposition. Artists strived to match its soft color tones.

However, after a hundred and fifty years or so of co-existence, and bluebird began to fade from our midst. Competition from imported house sparrows and starlings for nesting cavities, toxic sprays of the now banned D.D.T. type, ultra clean farm and woodlot practices, and the loss of habitat due to urban spread have removed this traditional harbinger of spring from all too many areas. Fortunately there is hope and a way to help them come back. Nest-boxes when placed on fenceposts in open farmland once again provide bluebirds with their lost nesting cavities. Here at Bluebird Acres, surrounded by the old farmstead landscape, we have another successful example of this nest-box program.

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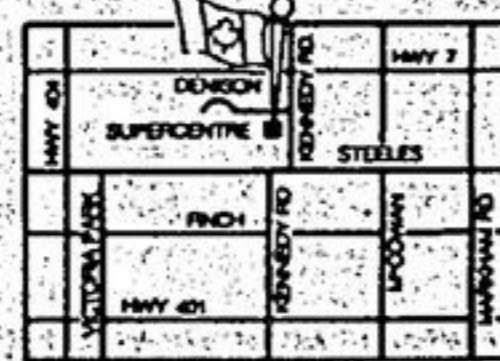
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