

Acclaimed Uxbridge artist releases work in print form to meet growing demand



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Uxbridge artist Jennifer Lawson Shanks is hosting a three-day summer show now that many of her acclaimed originals have for the first time been issued in print form.

With an increasing demand for her work, she finally decided to release 11 watercolors in print form "just because it renders them more accessible."

Her show this week is in addition to an annual fall open house and exhibition held in October. (This year's dates are Oct. 15-18).

"I'm doing this (June sale) because of the prints," explained Mrs. Lawson Shanks, who welcomes visitors Friday to Sunday in her residence at 35 Balsam St. North. Show hours are: June 12, 4-9 p.m.; June 13 and 14, 12-5 p.m.

"In an attempt to render more accessible the romance and harmony of her impressionistic watercolors, Jennifer Lawson Shanks has produced limited edition prints of her work," according to a show invitation.

Her originals — three florals, two scenes from Scotland, another two from England plus four from Vancouver Island — have been reproduced in 350 editions, signed and numbered by the artist, on pure rag, acid-free paper. Cost per unframed print ranges from \$45 to \$95.

The artist's favorite subjects are flowers, gardens and old houses, much of which she observes on frequent field trips within Canada and abroad.

"I do generally travel to paint," explained Mrs. Lawson Shanks, whose artistic accomplishments also include silk painting, batik, printmaking and life drawing.

She's just back from Vancouver Island, and is also gearing up for two more shows. Mrs. Lawson

Shanks' work will be part of the Discovery/3 3rd annual Artist's Fair June 19-21 at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, and at the Toronto City Hall Outdoor Art Show July 10-12.

An Ontario College of Art graduate, she has exhibited extensively in the Toronto area, as well as across Canada and into the United States.

According to an artist's statement: "Jennifer Lawson Shanks' paintings reveal an impressionistic feeling for the structure of the land, from rural Ontario to the gardens and architecture of England. The essential feature of her style is lightness and vivacity. Color is the principle vehicle of expression."

Hard at work

Jennifer Lawson Shanks hosts a show and sale of her watercolors June 12 to 14 at her residence, 35 Balsam St. North in Uxbridge. The artist recently released many of her originals in 350 edition prints, so she'll have more to exhibit at several upcoming shows.

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