

HAVE YOUR SAY:

What's the best thing you've done this summer?



Jasmine Sampson
I like day camp. We played on the waterslide and it was fun.



Scott McDougall
Playing T-Ball playing with my friends and going shopping with my mom.



Lisa Jacque
Playing T-Ball because I get to hit a lot of home runs.



Christopher Telford
Going swimming. It keeps me cool in the heat. I can walk in the deep end.

Art collector display work at Latcham

By KATE GILDERDALE

To describe Vic Sanders as a collector is like saying that Bruce Stapley likes baseball—it's something of an understatement.

Vic's elegant home on Main Street encompasses an incredible variety of beautiful artifacts ranging from signed paperweights to Limoges china; original etchings to carnival glass. Part of his private collection of art will be on view to the public in the Latcham Gallery's latest exhibition Collector's Choice, which runs from August 11 to 31.

"I've always loved collecting things," explained Vic, who admits he has made half-hearted attempts to curtail his passion, happily without success. He finds his treasurers in antique shops, markets, auctions and family collections in Canada and around the world.

He saved a magnificent screen from the demolition site of an old Toronto hotel, where one of the workmen was in the process of cutting it up. "I asked if I could buy it, and he told me to take it, he couldn't think what anyone could see in it." Lovingly restored, the screen adorns the entrance into Vic's living room.

On one trip to England, he bought a series of 10 etchings of Salisbury Cathedral and its environs which were completed in 1887 by H. Sheppard Dale, a set which the Art Gallery of Ontario has shown great interest in acquiring. Not only are the drawings themselves excellent but the parchment used is of a rare and beautiful quality.

Hidden amongst the etchings by Sheppard Dale was a small sketch of Ludlow, England, which the Art Gallery of Ontario discovered had been drawn and signed by Charles Dickens. This, as well as four of the etchings, will be featured in the exhibition.

In addition to Vic's European paintings, he has a sizeable Canadian collection, including works by Marcel Heon, Ann Remmer Thompson and Julius Marosan, all of whom are represented at the Latcham Gallery. One painting that has special meaning for him is a watercolor study of flowers which his mother painted for him in the autograph album he kept as a child.

Vic's decision to move to Stouffville came about by chance. He had been skiing in Dagmar with a friend and was returning to his city home, when he stopped at the Deer Park Inn. On his drive through Stouffville, he saw the For Sale sign and decided to investigate. A look round the house confirmed his feelings. "I knew this was the house I had always wanted." It was a move he has never regretted. "I would never move back to the city."

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