

Home Impressions

Prestige Gallery houses art to soothe the soul

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Advertising Features

Art can have a soothing effect on its audience as well as the ability to invoke feelings, spark memories and fire the intellect.

At Prestige Gallery in Markham, customers often come

in to simply browse and lose themselves in the work on display, says staff member, Norma Urquhart.

That's not too difficult to do with limited edition artwork by such renowned artists as Robert Bateman, Bev Doolittle, Trisha Romance and Laura Berry, grac-

ing the walls.

"Many of our clients tell us it's very relaxing coming into the gallery," she adds. "And the pieces they buy give them great pleasure, they just fall in love with the paintings."

Indeed, Prestige Gallery provides a serene setting for clients

"Art is like silent music," Wong adds. "There's a rhythm and tension to it. These are elements we point out to anyone interested in finding out more about the artists' conceptions."

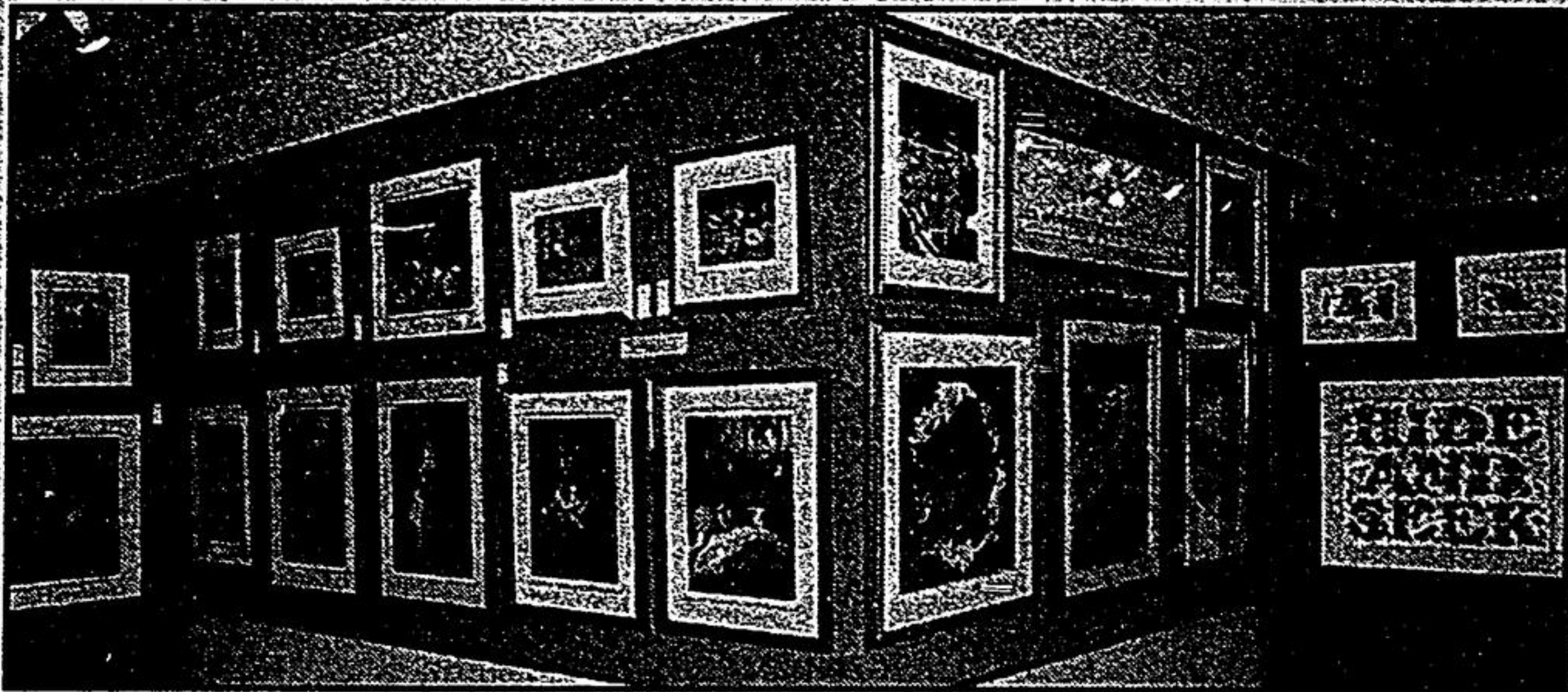
Prestige Gallery is known for the array of wildlife paintings they carry. The "idyllic" depictions reflect the majesty of nature and are some of the most popular pieces sold. The gallery also carries a number of Robert Bateman originals every year and sponsors a one-of-a-kind annual original art show with many of the artists in attendance to personalize and sign their works. Furthermore, because the medium is dynamic and never tedious, Prestige Gallery is able to introduce new work on a weekly basis. In addition, works can be bought from the store or ordered through catalogues.

The gallery also offers high quality custom framing and puts an emphasis on professional color coordination and choice of mats and frames.

"People may be enclosed by four walls in an office for example, but by putting up a painting of a lake or mountainside they have a connection to another world," Wong says.

This Saturday the gallery will feature the work of artist Laura Berry, who will be visiting the location between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and signing her work. Prestige Gallery in Unionville is located in the Markham Town Square plaza at Warden Avenue and Hwy. 7.

For more information call them at 416-756-1345.



Prestige Gallery in Unionville is known for the array of paintings they carry from such well-known names as Robert Bateman, Bev Doolittle and Laura Berry.

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