

Studio tour showcase of artistic talent

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More artists, more locations and more art are in the works for the fourth annual Stouffville Studio Tour Oct. 23 and 24.

The tour is on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Both Stouffville and rural locations are in the tour guide this year, as 21 artists prepare to show hundreds of works in acrylic, watercolours, oils, pottery, sculpture, woodblock prints, graphite and pastels.

A three-generation family of artists is part of the tour this year. Grace MacPherson is showing her latest watercolours, many focussing on the Haliburton Highlands, where her family's roots go back to early pioneers.

Her daughter, Diana Bullock, specializes in sumi-e (Japanese ink painting) and watercolours,

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with her works reflecting influences from both Western and Eastern art.

Granddaughter Allison Bullock works in a wide range of media from highly-realistic pencil drawings and animal art to minimalist representations of the human form.

The tour's only sculptor, Jagwida Byszewski, creates semi-abstract work in marble, alabaster, wood and other materials. She is head of the sculpture department at Koffler Centre School of Visual Art in Toronto.

Artists were recruited to join the tour this year, spokesperson Ray McNeice said, adding, "We wanted to expand it and include

the rural areas."

The quality of works shown is kept high through a jurying process.

The tour, which is gearing up for its fifth anniversary next year, receives television coverage for the first time when artist Andrew Hamilton is interviewed by Rogers Cable TV next week.

Although artists from surrounding municipalities have expressed interest in becoming part of the tour, it will stay in Whitchurch-Stouffville for the time being, Mr. McNeice added.

The tour guide is available at the Latcham Gallery, the Lebovic Leisure Centre and from local merchants.

Admission to all locations is free. Watch for studio tour signs and red, yellow and blue markers in front of tour sites.

Jennie Clark at Latcham

The earth and nature are the subject and the medium of works by York Region artist Jennie Clark in a new show at the Latcham Gallery.

Ms. Clark uses drawings and prints to reflect on the complex networks in our world that can be torn apart if not cared for, not unlike how Ms. Clark dismantled a wasp nest in order to study it. She transformed it into large, horizontal, black and white drawings capturing the spiral motion of the nest.

Her most recent series, Hands Like Trees, uses the simple, childish drawing of a hand to evoke the shape and form of a tree.

The exhibition continues until Nov. 6 at the gallery, 6240 Main St. in Stouffville. It is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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