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SPORT MEETS ART



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Patrons chat in front of a piece by artist Liz Pead seen during the opening of the Hockey Town show at the Latcham Gallery on Saturday. For additional photograph, see page 16.

WORKS WITH ALPINE GOLD-MEDAL WINNERS AT WHISTLER

Games volunteer gets inside look

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Stouffville florist blossoms preparing Games bouquet/ page 8.

Lindsey Vonn's shin bruise really did exist and was nasty looking. Bode Miller was tense just before he skied to a gold medal. Male skiers turned the alpine warm-up lounge into a locker room when the coaches weren't around, while the air at the top of the hill became thick with tension when the American women were together. All athletes drank Coke before

their races and some women were in tears at the starting gate in fear of the course. These are just some of the things Carolyn Greer-Barber observed while managing the warm-up lounge for the Olympic alpine ski events in Whistler.

Mrs. Greer-Barber, 47, was scheduled to volunteer for the entire Olympic games, but after 14 days, she decided to come home Monday. "I went out there to make the most of the experience and keep smiling, but I know I was fatiguing," she said. Mrs. Greer-Barber, who has taught skiing in Ontario, managed the lounge daily, even if there were no alpine events scheduled, while other volunteers were given only a

few shifts. Mrs. Greer-Barber gave her remaining shifts and accommodations to another volunteer. "I had my experience and stepped aside for someone else," she said. "The volunteer experience is still priceless with what I got to see and do ... (and) we were treated so well." Every morning, Mrs. Greer-Barber rode the gondola up the mountain, while watching the sun come up.

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CAROLYN GREER-BARBER: Stouffville woman met Bode Miller and Lindsey Vonn while volunteering atop Whistler.

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