



At Your Gallery

By Chai Duncan

Everyone is invited to join The Latcham Gallery during the Strawberry Festival on Saturday June 27 to help create an exciting and colourful seven-foot model of Main Street, using recycled materials.

Visitors are also encouraged to drop by the gallery to enjoy the current exhibition, *Hybrid Vigour* by Xiaojing Yan, which closes July 4. It's the last chance to see the artist's spectacular installation, *Cloud Cell*.

A new solo exhibition by Barry Ace, *Mnemonic Manifestations*, opens at the gallery July 9. Based in Ottawa, Barry is a member of M'Chigeeng First Nation on Manitoulin Island. His mixed media paintings, photographs and textile works explore aspects of cultural continuity and the confluence of the historical and the contemporary.

Mnemonics are devices designed to help people recall information, and Barry has manifested a series of these devices in the works on display. Employing traditional materials and techniques used by his people for centuries, and combining them with material from our technological times in the form of wiring, circuits and LED screens, he constructs traditional objects with a contemporary edge.

Barry's work encourages you to question stereotyped notions about indigenous people being stuck in traditional ways, and to understand that they are

also firmly rooted in the present. Accompanying his textile sculptures is a series of mixed media photo works called *Memory Landscape(s)*, which he created to commemorate a fallen friend. This work is more personal and is steeped in the artist's Anishinaabe cultural esthetic. It draws heavily on Anishinaabe history and spirituality, and is more likely to move the viewer on an emotional level.

The exhibition opens July 9 at 7 p.m. and Barry will be present to discuss his work. Robert Houle, who won the Governor-General's Visual and Media Arts award, will also be on hand to introduce the artist.

Chai Duncan is curator at The Latcham Gallery

Market on Main



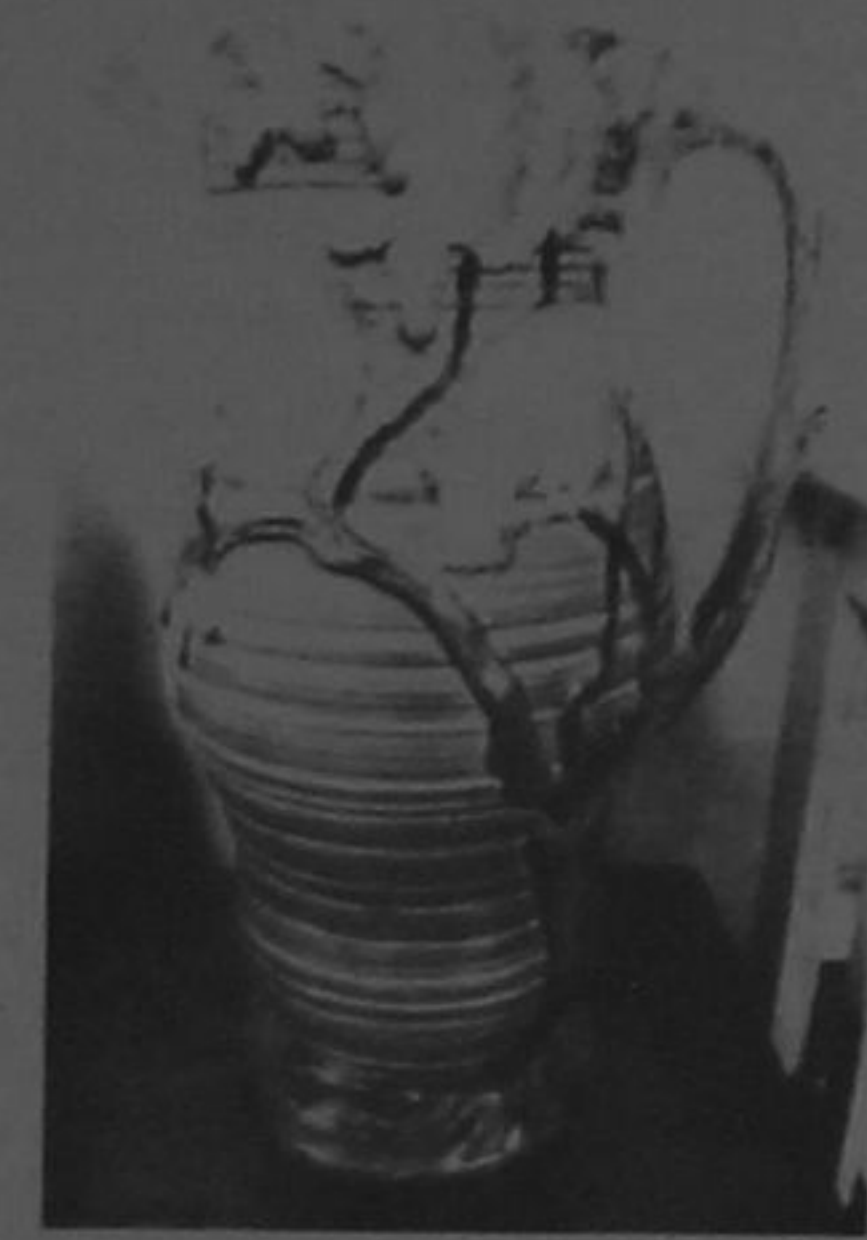
Main Street and Park Drive will be transformed into a massive outdoor market on Saturday June 27 during this year's Strawberry Festival.

The area will be closed to traffic throughout the day and more than 250 vendors and small businesses will set up booths featuring everything from clothing and jewellery to local crafts and pet treats. You can buy delicious taste treats, pick up souvenirs at the Festival gift shop, meet and greet friends and neighbours, listen to live music, and simply enjoy the vibrant street life.

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Urban Bustle 2014 is a mixed media assemblage by Barry Ace. The artist's solo exhibition, Mnemonic Manifestations, opens July 9 at The Latcham Gallery.

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