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January 2010

In the Arts Etobicoke Gallery

4893A Dundas St. W.; Mon - Sat 11am – 4pm

Red Dot Rental: Affordable Art For Your Home or Office

December 3, 2009 to April 22, 2010

Currently displayed in Arts Etobicoke's gallery is **Red Dot Rental**, an exhibition featuring a selection of artwork by the acclaimed artists of Arts Etobicoke's Art Rental & Sales Program.

This show highlights a sampling of the more than 60 artists who are involved in the program and who work in a wide variety of media, including photography, painting, mixed media and sculpture.

Visit www.artsetobicoke.com to view more samples from our growing collection. For more information on renting or buying art, call 416-622-8731 or e-mail info@artsetobicoke.com.



Artwork by Jodi Shuster



Week 1
Drafting ideas for the story & puppets

My Stories Come to Life: Puppet & Theatre Workshop

The kids of our most recent Saturday Storefront Art Class series finally saw their story and puppets come to life in a showcase of *"The Silly Squirrel and the Attack of the Peanut"* here at the Arts Etobicoke Gallery on December 19, 2009.



Week 2
Making papier-mâché bases for the puppets

Artist / teacher Faten Toubasi led the series of free workshops for children 8-12. This series, which included storytelling and performance techniques, started November 14 and continued for 6 weeks. In the workshop, the children learned to produce and perform a small puppet show by creating a story and script and making puppets from papier-mâché.



Weeks 3 & 4
Molding masks with clay for their puppets

This workshop was inspired by Faten's recent work with Jumblies Theatre, a community arts organization that focuses on making art in everyday and unexpected places.



Week 5
Learning performance techniques

Arts Etobicoke gratefully acknowledges BMO Employee Charitable Foundation for their support of the Saturday Storefront Art Classes.

Saturday storefront art classes run from 1-3pm on Saturdays in the Arts Etobicoke Gallery. For more information on upcoming classes, please e-mail info@artsetobicoke.com.



Week 6 – The Performance
Waiting to perform backstage



Week 6 – The Performance
The proud parents



Week 6
The Silly Squirrel

Our City Our Stories
An urban photography
workshop series and contest



Arts Etobicoke would like to congratulate Jennifer Meza, Lina Shbaita and Nayef Sayed for entering the Our City, Our Stories Photo Contest, powered by Canon.

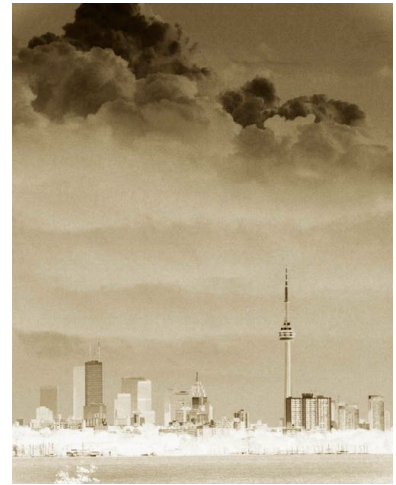
All three entrants successfully completed a series of free photography workshops here at our gallery in order for them to qualify for the contest and produced some fantastic pieces for their submissions.

Our City, Our Stories is an urban photography program between the City of Toronto, Canon Canada and a handful of community arts partners: Arts Etobicoke, Lakeshore Arts, Scarborough Arts Council and Urban Arts Community Arts Council.

It consisted of digital photography workshops, a photography contest and will conclude with an exhibition, a reception on February 18 at Toronto City Hall hosted by Mayor David Miller and published catalogue of the winning entries.



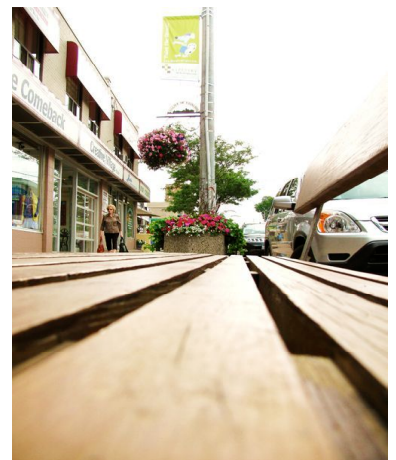
August Sky by Jennifer Meza



My Community by Lina Shbaita



*Above: Nostalgia
Right: Bench
by Nayef Sayed*



Announcements & Acknowledgements

Arts Etobicoke Nominated Again

BEST Art Gallery

For the second year in a row, Arts Etobicoke has been nominated for the "Best Art Gallery" award with the Etobicoke Guardian Readers' Choice Awards. Last year, our gallery stole the show and won the 2009 Best Gallery Gold Award.

Since its establishment in 2005, the Arts Etobicoke Gallery has been a hub of creative activity, presenting free and diverse exhibitions, performances and learning opportunities. In addition to art exhibitions, the Gallery has hosted free Saturday Storefront Art classes, performances by Humber College Comedy students (instructor Robin Duke) and free Arts Administration Workshops.



A Clutter-Free Arts Etobicoke

Our appreciation goes out to **Carol Boland**, certified professional organizer and former staff member of Arts Etobicoke, who recently volunteered her services to Arts Etobicoke by tackling our cluttered office basement and supply area.

Boland not only does magic with office spaces, she offers her services for both home owners and renters on the move, in any room or space in your home, anywhere in the GTA. The types of services she currently offers are: sorting & grouping, de-stuffing (also known as 'de-cluttering'), maintenance, packing/unpacking and designing & implementing storage and organizing systems. If none of these fit your needs, she also offers a customized service.

For more info, you can contact her at: info@crazyaboutorganizing.com or visit her website at: www.crazyaboutorganizing.com



It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Sharon Paterson,
Treasurer of our Board of Directors,
who had a baby boy over the holidays.

Welcome Tyler MacKinley Paterson!

COMMUNITY BOARD

CALLS FOR ARTISTS / APPLICATIONS / ACTIONS

ARTSVOTE

As the Mayoral and Council candidates start to line up, a Survey will be sent to all incumbent Councillors and their challengers, and the Mayoral candidates. Answers to the Survey questions help determine each individual's grade for the ArtsVote Report Card. What do you think is the top arts-related issue in the city? What question would you ask in the Survey? Email ArtsVote at: info@artsvotetoronto.ca. For more information: www.artsvotetoronto.ca

SKETCH - SPACE AVAILABILITY

AVAILABLE: As soon as possible

SKETCH is a multidisciplinary community arts studio for homeless, street-involved and at risk youth between the ages of 15-29 who has a work studio available in the back of their space for rent. Preferred tenants would be artists or arts related organizations, though all inquiries will be considered. Location: 580 King Street West, Top floor, Studio 2. Size: 242 square feet (approximately 11x22 feet). Cost: \$800 per month. For more info about the organization: www.sketch.ca. For more information about the space contact Carly Dunster, Operations Manager at 416-516-5428 x 26 or carly@sketch.ca. Please indicate intended use of the space in any communications.

1000 ACTS OF ART

Deadline: February 5, 2010

Launching in early 2010, 1000acts-of-art.ca aims to challenge individuals to engage with Etobicoke's vibrant arts community by committing an act of art. This is an invitation for you to be featured on the website as an Etobicoke artist, arts organization or an arts friendly local business. To register for inclusion in the 1000 Acts of Art directory or for more information, contact Denise Hastings, Lakeshore Arts, at: deniseh@bellnet.ca or 416.201.7093 or visit the website at: 1000acts-of-art.ca

LAUNCH PROJECTS - CONTACT FESTIVAL 2010

Deadline: March 1, 2010

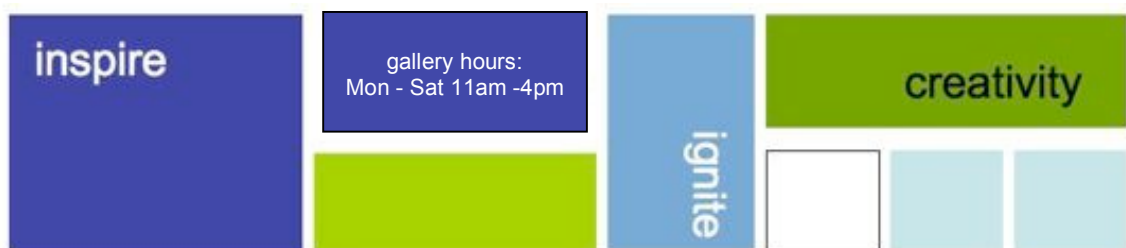
Launch Projects is looking for photography submissions for its Juried Exhibition 'Before and After', April 28- May 16 2010, which will be a part of the CONTACT Photography Festival. For more information or submissions, email submissions@launchprojects.ca.

Join Arts Etobicoke Now and Connect to the Arts

Visit www.artsetobicoke.com for membership benefits and an application form.

Arts Etobicoke Members can buy tickets to Cineplex Odeon Theatres for only \$8.50 each!

Available for pick-up at our office and gallery. Call 416.622.8731 for more info.



Most of our members and audience members appreciate the information we send them. But if you would prefer not to receive information from Arts Etobicoke and our arts members please call us at 416.622.8731 or email us at info@artsetobicoke.com (subject: AE Mailing List) and we will remove your name from our mailing list. Visit our website to view our complete privacy statement. Charitable registration number 118790716 RR0001.