



# ArtBeat

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<http://www.WestCarletonArtsSociety.ca>



**"Papa Bear" & "Diamond Isles"**  
by Catherine Gutsche

Both paintings will be auctioned off at a **Prostate Cancer information day** at the 3 Yellow Tulips Art Shoppe in Pakenham on **September 24<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds to go to Prostate Cancer Research.

## Message from the President

by Lis Allison

Another summer come and gone. Is time speeding up, or am I slowing down? Please don't anyone answer that!

It's been a super busy summer for visual artists and craft artists in Ottawa, that's for sure. Seems every time I pick up the Citizen there's a piece about a new gallery, co-op art space or project. There was an upsurge of arts activities last year, but it seems that the momentum is, if anything, building. This is wonderful! Every new gallery or display space is a new opportunity, and the more art is 'out there', the more the public learns about it and appreciates it. Even if not all these new galleries survive the cold hard winter, they will have done the local art community as a whole a great service.

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## September Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 pm,  
St. Paul's United Church, Carp

Come in the back door and go downstairs and to the right - *follow the laughter*.

Show-n-tell Evening. Bring your latest and greatest, or your most hair-raising, or most frustrating, or most amazing new work. Let us see what you did this summer!

Coffee and cookies and lots of 'art talk' will be on the program too.

Hope to see everyone there!

## Secretary

We need a Secretary. Let me repeat that, we need a Secretary. We cannot go on much longer without one! We (I) postponed the elections which should have taken place in May because we had no-one to elect. It isn't a very difficult job; after all, we get practically no correspondence, write practically no letters and the only filing is the minutes of the meetings. Executive meetings are almost always held an hour before the General meeting, and really are rather fun. While we certainly take our task of running the Arts Society seriously, we usually manage at least a few laughs. It would be helpful if you have access to email, but it isn't necessary. Give me a call if you are considering volunteering, or bravely put your hand up at the meeting. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to your Society, and you will be appreciated.

## Call for newsletter feature artists.

Each month we would like to feature a different artist as our front cover artist. Please consider sharing an image or two of your artwork.

## Minutes for the General Meetings

Remember to go to the website, <http://www.WestCarletonArtsSociety.ca>, to read the minutes of the meetings.

### ATTN MEMBERS:

If you have a web site and you wish to have it added to the WCAS web site, submit it to Catherine Gutsche. [calico@storm.ca](mailto:calico@storm.ca)

## Message from the President... continued

Are you ready to apply to a gallery? Do you have the materials you need, such as superb photos of your work, a great bio, a project proposal.....if not, be sure to plan to attend the 'Art Business' workshop which we are developing for you. The workshop will be in January, likely at my place (unless there is so much interest we need the Church Hall), and will most likely be either a Saturday or a couple of evenings. We'll get the details out to you as soon as they are ready, but put a note on your calendar now.

You'll see a reminder about our upcoming Christmas Show and Sale elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to **sign up early, the deadline is September 30**, and you know what will happen if there are not enough artists signed up. The Carp Ag Hall promises to be a great location, right in town and well-known, with lots of parking and the early December date is perfect for Christmas sales. Don't miss this one!

Our *Spring Sale* will be in the Mess Hall in Carp. Yes, it used to be a shabby dingy mess, but you wouldn't believe how nicely it has been fixed up. It's now the Huntley Community Centre. They have added a huge new deck outside overlooking the sports field, and I can just see our tea room out there in the spring sunshine.....maybe some work brought outside if the weather is perfect.... maybe a kids corner. We'll get all the details out to you early in the New Year.

Our September meeting will be our ever-popular Show-n-tell. Bring a new work you are excited about, or one you are struggling with or one you just feel like showing us. This is not a critique, but a chance to see what others are doing and to show off your best efforts. Hope to see you all there.

Lis

## Christmas Show and Sale

The Christmas Show is planned for **Dec. 1, 2 and 3**. We will do the setting-up during the day on the Friday, and have an 'early viewing' from 7 to 9pm that day. Then the Show will be open 10am-4pm on the Saturday and Sunday as we usually do. All the details are on the application form. You can get one from the website (<http://www.WestCarletonArtsSociety.ca>), or give me a buzz. There will be a few copies at the September meeting, too.

The Show is a lot of work. We need people to work on advertising and publicity, getting sponsors, arranging specifics like picking up the screens, setting up the coffee and cookies and dreaming up a great way to lay out the displays in the Hall. We're going to do a postcard type invitation, and distribute as many as we can afford through the mail. In addition, regular articles in the Weekender and the new West Carleton website would be great. Maybe you can think of another way to help? Please volunteer to take on a job, whether it is a big one or a small one. If everyone in the Show does something, we will have a great success.

### WCAS web site.

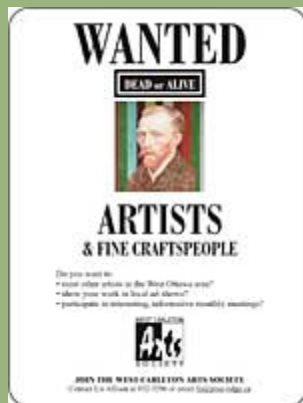
<http://www.WestCarletonArtsSociety.ca>

### Featured Artist web page:

\$20/year 3 images of your artwork, a Bio/Artist Statement, contact information. Talk to Catherine Gutsche for more details. [calico@storm.ca](mailto:calico@storm.ca)

## Grids

Thanks to our sponsors, we now own 10 black grids and are making them available to members for \$1 per day.



Download the poster at:  
<http://www.westcarletonartsociety.ca/events/images/poster.jpg>

## 3 YELLOW TULIPS

Tuesday - Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

Original Works by  
Local Artists

Sunday September 24th

**"Prostate Cancer Day"**

Join us for an

Auction of a piece of Tie-Art  
by Catherine Gutsche using  
a Max Keeping Tie

also on the same day

**"Art on the Lawn"**

Bill Neddow - Wood Turner  
Catherine Gutsche - Tie Lady

We are on the grounds of the

**STONEBRIDGE INN**

4839 Kinburn Side Rd., Pakenham

E-Mail: [threeyellowtulips@yahoo.ca](mailto:threeyellowtulips@yahoo.ca)

## Just a Thought....

I was day-dreaming a bit the other day while sitting in my chair in the kitchen. My eye fell on a set of three little wall pieces that hang near the doorway. They are basically black with touches of colour, and show the backs of three American Indian girls, wearing shawls and long skirts and ornaments in their long hair.

While the designs are very simple, even minimal, they have a strong presence and you get a clear sense of three friends walking along talking together. Even though the clothing is barely indicated except by its silhouette, you can clearly see that the girls are wearing traditional costumes, and they seem very comfortable in them. I get a feeling of the warmth of friendship and the easy pleasure of old customs from them every time I look at them.

They are made out of curved pieces of dried gourd.

It occurred to me that they won't last forever. In fact, they won't, as art goes, last very long at all.

That seemed sad to me and I mused about why that was. What did it matter, really? Then I thought about how, once these pieces of gourd fell apart, a thought would be gone. Somehow, through these simple bits of gourd and paint, the artist is communicating a thought, a feeling, to me. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, maybe this is what they really mean. It's so hard to put a nebulous feeling into words, but a picture can sometimes do it. And if the gourds get damp or fall off and shatter on the floor, the thought, the feeling, I am sharing with the artist will be lost.

Maybe that is part of what art is all about: a feeling made visible, a thought made permanent.

## The word is out

3 Yellow Tulips Art Shoppe is moving!! We will be moving into the shop beside the Pakenham General Store formerly known as Traditions. We are very excited to be setting up in this location because we will now be open year round. Our selection will be expanding from only pieces from local artists to include pieces from local fine crafts people. You will continue to receive the same full service and friendly attention from the owners Don & Pat, and they are very anxious to open their doors. The opening will be early in Oct. 2006.

## Membership

It is a new season and we are looking forward to an active calendar. We have reduced the membership fees to \$25.00 and are again offering an early sign-up bonus of \$5.00 if your fee is received before October 01, 2006. Check the web site for details.

To make up for the reduced revenue from membership, we will advertise our meetings and encourage the public to join us. There will be a \$5.00 charge at the door for all non members. The entrance fee will be waived if a membership is purchased.

Join us at the first meeting to hear about our plans and bring a friend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Pat DuBreuil.