



February 29th 2008

“Multi Talented Artists in Temiskaming”

As a member of the Temiskaming Palette & Brush Club I was delighted to be part of the first Visual Poetry Exhibition and Chocolate Sunday at the **new** Temiskaming Art Gallery February 10, 2008. The gallery was buzzing with excitement as the public viewed the numerous works by the Temiskaming Palette & Brush Club. Once they completed their tour of the original works, folks had the opportunity to cast their votes for their favorite painting for the People’s Choice Award. It was very difficult to choose just one favorite as there were so many wonderful paintings throughout the exhibition room. The poetry was an extra treat, as that too was an experience in itself. Each artist was asked to paint a picture and then write a poem representing the painting or vice versa. Not only was the exhibiting area grand, but so were the 33 some works / poems on display and for sale.

The art club has exhibited with the gallery for many years but this was their first time exhibiting in the new gallery and the first time exhibiting an art and poetry exhibition. Poetry writing was also a first time experience for some art club members and although there were only a few awards presented, club members should all feel proud of their accomplishments in both painting and poetry as the feedback from the viewers was all on a positive note and that is an award in itself. We certainly do have a grand multitude of talented / skillful artists and artisans in Northern Ontario and I am certain those of you who stopped in to view the exhibition agree with me. By the way, some of the paintings / poetry will be highlighted at the Spring Pulse Poetry Festival in April... look for advertisement regarding this special event.

Due to lack of space I cannot include the poems but please try to stop in at the gallery, 325 Farr Drive and remember to sign the guestbook please. Exhibition continues until Mar. 28, 2008; for gallery hours Ph: 705-672-3706.

If interested in purchasing a painting see Maureen Steward in her office.

Awards:

People’s Choice Award’s First prize: donated by Temiskaming Palette & Brush Club

Originality Award: donated by Canvas & Clay and presented by artist Laura Landers



Both above awards went to Diane Green for her **“The Red Barn”**

People’s Choice Award’s Second Prize: donated by: Temiskaming Palette & Brush C



Went to Tyna Silver for **“Those Eyes”**

Creativity Award: donated by Gallery ArtFoto Shop in New Liskeard, Artist, Jean Paul Gravel presented the award on behalf of Harold Rhodes as he was not available.



Went to Anne Denise Mejaki for **“See Beyond”**
Congratulations to all of you.

While all the excitement of art /poetry was happening in one area, Temiskaming Art Gallery Volunteer Committee had their Annual Chocolate Sunday. Hot chocolate with whip cream was served and if that wasn’t enough the aroma of Chocolate treats tickled the noses of every chocoholic in the room as they gathered about the beautifully decorated tables filled with numerous chocolate goodies for everyone to enjoy. Hmm, I can still smell all that delicious chocolate.

All in all it was a very splendid way to spend a cold winter’s day.



On behalf of the Temiskaming Palette & Brush Club members I would like to thank the gallery people and all the volunteers who helped put it all together and thank you for having us. And thank you the public for your help and support.

Alice Y. Seguin Sawicki signing off.

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