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## Artists and Artisans Professionalism in Northern Ontario – Part 2

Before I begin this month's column my sincerest apology to Carolyn Campsall of Canvas & Clay for typing error of her last name, sorry about that dear Carolyn.

If you missed my column go to [www.Artistmom.net](http://www.Artistmom.net) and click on **This and That**.

Last month I named various places for you to visit should you wish to see for yourself the workmanship of our Artists and Artisans here in our neck of the woods. I truly hope you took some time to stop in at some of these places. **Foto Shop** owned / operated by Harold & Doreen Rhodes, have a lot more to offer then photos/ frames/giclee prints. They now have a mini gallery area for local artists' to exhibit their work. You will find them at their new location 32 Lakeshore Rd. N. in Temiskaming Shores. Harold also has a collection of old cameras on display. Stop in and say hello.

As promised, names of various art clubs / groups. There are many clubs / groups in and around our area, they are not all painting related but artistically related. I can only name a few due to lack of space available.

- **Next Stop Englehart Quilt Guild**  
*Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month 7: pm - United Church - Englehart*
- **Englehart Area Artists**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month 7: pm Ph: [705-544-2132](tel:705-544-2132) for more info.*
- **Temiskaming Palette & Brush Club**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of the month Ph: Tyna Silver at [705-647-8096](tel:705-647-8096)*
- **Kirkland Lake Mile of Gold Quilters Guild**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of each month at 7: pm at Kirkland Lake Museum*
- **Kirkland Lake Art Club** for more info call museum 705-568-8800
- **Cochrane Art Club** *meet at the library every Tues. night, 7: pm to 9: pm*

These are just a few of the clubs/ groups available in our area.

Go to [www.noaa.ca](http://www.noaa.ca) , you will find other **art clubs** in Northern Ontario.



## What is NOAA?

**Northern Ontario Art Association** - Is an art association for artists in Northern Ontario who wish to take part in Juried Competitions. Each year, some 200 to 300 or more works are sent in to be juried for the exhibition of that year and approximately 30 to 40 paintings are accepted for art exhibition for the hosting gallery. Works accepted have the opportunity to win numerous prizes and the paintings are exhibited at various galleries which will host the show for a certain period of time. The show then travels on to the next hosting gallery throughout Northern Ontario; touring for a twelve month period during which paintings are for sale. These galleries are all part of the NOAA circuit.

NOAA began with a man named Ken Young, a Northern Ontario Representative of Community Programs with head office in North Bay. He called together representatives from five active art clubs in the north to discuss the possibilities of an association. Sudbury, Timmins, Noranda, Kirkland Lake and Sault Ste. Marie were the five clubs. An organization meeting was held on September 5, 1949 in Temagami and the Northern Ontario Art Association, a region of the Federation of Canadian Artists, was formed.

The organization formed in 1949 had specific goals in mind; **furthering art education within remote northern communities, as well as promoting the appreciation of their original artwork** and 50 years later those goals are still being met.

Now a group of fourteen independent Art Clubs, representing over 350 artists, spread over the vast geographical area of Northern Ontario.

NOAA now has a web site which everyone can enjoy viewing hundreds of artistic talent available here in our great Northern Ontario and even better; art works can be purchased online. For more detailed information on NOAA go to their web site at:

[www.noaa.ca](http://www.noaa.ca). You can browse or selectively search artwork by various sub-headings artwork you wish to view or purchase at your leisure and in the comfort of your home. Just click the "Art Search" to begin your experience into our artists' Impressions of Northern Ontario. You can also purchase NOAA Bulletins with the latest scoop and about NOAA's wonderful **Annual Cobalt Artist Colony**; which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July.



**Events to watch for:**

- **Temiskaming Art Gallery (TAG)**  
*\*Till February 24<sup>th</sup> / 07.*  
**Art Exhibition “Anything Goes”** by Temiskaming Palette & Brush Club
- **Temiskaming Art Gallery**  
*\*Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> –April 14<sup>th</sup> / 07*  
**“Visions of La Cloche” - Photo Exhibition - Jon Butler**
- **Temiskaming Palette & Brush Club**  
*Saturday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1:30 to 4:30*  
**The Creative Expression Workshop “Liberating the Creative Spirit”**  
Contact Pauline Dumont Workshop Instructor and Art Therapist at 705-647-8628  
Email: [beau1@ntl.sympatico.ca](mailto:beau1@ntl.sympatico.ca)
- **Museum of Northern History – Kirkland Lake ON**  
*\*Till Feb. 24/07 - Photo Exhibition – Juris Grasis*  
More info call 705-568-8800  
*\*Feb 28 to Apr. 9/07 - Grandma’s Treasures –*  
Folks from the community will share *Artifacts from their family histories.*  
Come for a social afternoon Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> – 1 to 3 pm
- **Englehart Area Artists hosting NOAA’s 50<sup>th</sup> Art Exhibition**  
*May 13<sup>th</sup> / 07 Mother’s Day –*  
Opening of Englehart & Area Historical Museum for the season.
- **Temagami’s ShiverFest 2007 Winter Carnival –** More info Ph: 705-569-3421  
*February 22 to February 25, 07*

If you have any questions or have info to pass on, E-mail: [paint@ntl.sympatico.ca](mailto:paint@ntl.sympatico.ca)

Until next time, stay safe.  
**Alice Sawicki signing off**