

The Arts

Art in Action self-guided studio tour returns Nov. 5-6

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"What made you think of that?" — and other questions can be asked of artists at the Burlington Studio Tour.

The ninth annual Art in Action event is slated for the weekend of Nov. 5-6 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The free self-guided tour features eight studios with demonstrations by 27 fine artists (one less than originally planned).

It's not just an exhibit, but a chance to engage the public, said a tour co-chair.

"People don't know there may be an artist living on their street," said Kristina Kirkwood. "It's a nice way to come see the artists and see what they do."

The sculptor and other tour artists participated in a pre-tour reception last Wednesday (Oct. 5) at Artists Walk in Village Square.

Kirkwood can't always answer what inspired one of her works — as an artist, she moves from topic to topic.

But passion for her art is much more important to Kirkwood than considering what will sell. "It's really a labour of love."

She said it's a hobby for some tour artists and a living for others.

Art in Action is a not-for-profit community artists' group that organizes and raises funds for the studio tour.

Paintings, sculptures, jewelry, photography and other works by the group's artists are featured in the event.

The reception kicked off a pre-tour exhibit of works that will continue to Oct. 29 at Artists Walk.

It's the first time for these advance events.

"We're letting the public know (about the studio tour) and it's a chance for the artists to meet," said co-chair Teresa Seaton. "It looks like we're going to get more people noticing us."

Art will be sold at the advance exhibition and the tour. There'll be prize draws for those. See Studio page 22.



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ART TOUR PREVIEW: Artist Kristina Kirkwood poses with her art piece entitled Cellular Stone Construction during a recent sneak preview of the 9th Annual Art in Action Burlington Studio Tour, which takes place next month. The preview event, held last Wednesday (Oct. 5) at Artists Walk in downtown Burlington's Village Square, gave visitors a chance to meet some of the artists who will be represented in the annual art tour, which takes place at eight different studio sites during the weekend of Nov. 5-6.

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visiting all eight studios.

Bringing new artists into the studio tour is important, said Seaton, a stained glass artist.

"There's so much to learn," she said. "A younger painter has a chance to talk to an older painter and ask 'How do you do that?'"

The pre-tour exhibit showed how participants' backgrounds and art vary widely.

Aubrey Denomy's huge copper sculpture, a corn flower water feature, stood out amid the paintings and photography.

"The water element makes it a little more interesting," she said. "I love gardening and I have a similar one in my garden."

Cheryl Miles Goldring enjoys painting nature, such as scenes with birds, barns or landscapes.

"In the '80s I was doing Chinese brush painting and in 2002 I started doing traditional watercolours and acrylics," said Goldring.

Studio overlooks a creek

Her four-watercolour series of Paletta Lakefront Park and other local scenes, hangs in the office of her husband, Mayor Rick Goldring.

Painter Edward Hoyer said he looks forward to the energy the tour will provide.

His Hidden Valley studio looks onto a creek.

"It's ecologically friendly and it's a good inspiration," he said. "There's a see-through ceiling and windows all around."

Here are the studios, their owners and guest artists participating in the upcoming



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ART IN ACTION: Artist George Wilkinson stands beside his art piece entitled Delphi during last week's sneak preview for the 9th Annual Art in Action Burlington Studio Tour, which takes place the weekend of Nov. 5-6. The free, self-guided tour features the work of 27 artists at eight different studio stops. For additional information and to download a map of the tour, visit www.artinaction.ca.

tour:

- Studio 1 — 1247 Lemonville Rd., George A. Wilkinson, wood turner. Guests: Cheryl Laakes, fibre artist and Don Graves, painter

- Studio 2 — 1292 Hidden Valley Rd., Edward Hoyer, painter. Guests: Kristina Kirkwood, assemblage sculptor and Heather Moore, painter/jeweller

- Studio 3 — 1281 Richmond Rd., Helen Griffiths, painter. Guests: Teresa Seaton, stained glass; Silvana Terry, jeweller and Don Dunnington, photographer

- Studio 4 — 711 Ross St., Studio 3 Photography. Fred Oliver, Glen and Dan Jones, photographers

- Studio 5 — 422 Pearl St., Artists Walk.

Guests: Nebojsa Jovanovic, painter; Aubrey Denomy, sculptor and Brenda Zawalick, handbags

- Studio 6 — 1301 Aldridge Cres., Peter Schlotthauer, artist blacksmith. Guests: Kristian Nesbitt, printmaker and Sue Gunter, painter/jeweller

- Studio 7 — 3048 Parknoll Ct., David Lawson, photographer. Guests: Tammy Hext, painter, Cheryl Miles Goldring, painter and Julie Vanvugt, jeweller

- Studio 8 — 1295 Knights Bridge Rd., Ian Cowling, photographer. Guests: Leanne Miller, goldsmith; Nancy McLean, painter and Takanya Marsh, textile artist

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