

PRESS RELEASE
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"The Tuesday Group" art exhibition
April 20 – May 7
Chancery Art Gallery
Chancery Lane in downtown Bracebridge
Muskoka, CANADA

*"The only possible teacher
except torture is fine art"*
Bernard Shaw
The Doctor's Dilemma

The *Chancery Art Gallery* is pleased to announce the exhibition of works by a Muskoka-area group of painters – "*The Tuesday Group*." This group of painters has been drawn from a series of classes, seminars and development meetings over the past eight years, under the guidance and encouragement of Pat Fairhead, M.A., M.ED., R.C.A., O.S.A., C.S.P.W.C.

Many of "*The Tuesday Group*" originally felt discouraged from painting for one reason or another, and now all are pursuing their own individual styles and subjects. Several members of the group have set up their own studios and without exception, all take their painting seriously.



At the announcement postcard above (available in the gallery): Artwork © 2010 by Lynda Lynn. *Fishing*. Acrylic on canvas, 30" x 36"

This show will demonstrate the power of positive encouragement, with guidance and instruction combined with any one person's talent and desire can produce truly remarkable results. Ms. Fairhead smiles, "*Learning is life-long and you're never too old to learn.*"

Presented are paintings of

- Martha DAVIS • Sue DAVISON (*in memory*) • S. Gayle DEMPSEY •
- Wendie DONABIE • Pat FAIRHEAD • Janice FEIST • Lynda LYNN •
- Glenys McALPINE • Sandy McINTYRE • Donna McLAREN •
- Cheryl MOUNT • Margaret RICHARDS • Susan WARE • Pat WHITTLE •



Exhibition Opening Reception:
Thursday, April 21, from 6 to 8 PM.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Jamie SHERMAN, well-known local musician/artist,
will present his musical stylings at the opening reception.

From the Freudian view, arts derive from the same source as fantasies and dreams, and have the same purpose – to reduce tension in the soul. This applies to both creation and perception of the art, regardless of modality – painting, sculpture, literature, music, dance, etc. Thus, in some respects artists are not special – like the rest of us, they have the same narcissistic desires and fantasies, rather shameful to share under our cultural restraints. But unlike us, artists have a very special gift – they are able to exhibit their fantasies in a skilful, camouflaged way, and to attract us first with the external, formal side of their work. It traps us, provoking a preliminary, properly aesthetic pleasure, turning our internal "censor" off guard. And then, it enables us to enjoy our own deep prohibited fantasies – projected on the art – without shame and self-blame, with revealing catharsis. How are artists able to do this? It's their mystic secret; it's art.

"..The one thing which may in some degree reconcile the cultured person with life – scientific and artistic enjoyment..."
Eduard von Hartmann
Philosophy of the Unconscious

Chancery Art Gallery is a commercial gallery which offers solo and group exhibitions of contemporary fine art and acts as the artist's agent with exclusivity limited to Muskoka district of Ontario, Canada.

The gallery is affiliated with a psychology office on premises – www.PrivateCounseling.ca Occasionally, for "artist-in-crisis" a psychological consultation is offered *pro-bono*.

The gallery's mission:
*"Piece of pie to the artists,
Peace of mind to the rest of us"*

Dr. Lena Kolobow
owner & director

Dr. Paul Ivanoff
curator

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