



# THE SMITHERS ART GALLERY

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## What's Up at the Gallery: A Celebration of the Visual Arts in the Bulkley Valley

May 2010

### May at the Gallery

- Quilt show at the Gallery

### Coming Up in the Gallery:

- June 1 - 26  
Dave Nehring (paintings)
- June 29 - July 24  
Laura McGregor (fabric & paintings)  
Erin Candela (paintings)
- Aug 3 - 28  
Nigel Fox (paintings)

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## Local valley quilt work on Display at the Gallery

"Quilts Spring Eternal" features an array of quilted work by over 30 local valley quilters. The items on display range from bed quilts to wall hangings, flower pots, luggage tags, stuffed animals and pillows.

Gord Beerda will be on hand to give a long-arm quilter demonstration on May 8th from 10am-2pm and on May 20th from 6pm-9pm.

Gail Nicholson has kindly organized a quilt raffle as a fundraiser for the Gallery. First prize is a quilt by Ruth Craven and Heather Hodson, second prize is a wall hanging by Carol McGee and Anne Havard, and third prize is an annual membership to the Gallery.

Come for a visit and be inspired!



### Quilts Spring Eternal

At Your Gallery April 27 - May 29, 2010  
Opening Reception: Friday, April 30, 7-9pm



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Long Arm Quilter demo and hands-on practice with Gord Beerda  
Sat May 8th 10 am - 2pm and Thur May 20th 6pm - 9 pm

This show is supported by:  
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## DAYCARE SOCIETY'S ART SHOW

Jess Huddleston hosted a one day art exhibit at the Gallery on Sunday April 25th featuring art work by up and coming young artists! Over 80 people visited the Gallery for the Daycare Society's Art Show. There were 10 daycares involved and 100 children's artwork on display. The show was the culmination of a 10 week art program in which children looked at artwork by various artists such as Van Gogh, O'Keeffe, Vickers and the Lascaux caves of France. Students created artwork using chalk pastel, tempera paint, balloons, and playdough.

**AGM & MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday May 27th for the Art Gallery's Annual General Meeting. The Board and Gallery supporters will be celebrating the successes of the past year and looking forward to the coming year. The annual memberships expire on May 1st and are necessary to vote at the AGM. Memberships are integral to continued operation of the Gallery and are an indication of the support we have in the community. Please show your support by renewing your membership now, or becoming a new member of the Gallery. Memberships cost \$25.

**Sculpture Project Update:**

The Wetzinkwa Community Forest Corporation kindly contributed funds towards the Gallery's sculpture project, entitled "Carving A Community". The project engages residents of the Bulkley Valley in the process of making sculptural art through a series of workshops, classes and facilitated groups led by local artists.

To date, the funding has enabled the Gallery to offer activities such as a sculpture project at the Spring Break children's art camp with Robin Lough, a lecture on sculptural development by Perry Rath, and a workshop at the BV Learning Centre with Fasundo Gastiazoro. Upcoming activities include a sculpture workshop at the Youth Empowerment Program, another workshop at the BV Learning Centre, children's drop-in workshops during the Farmers' Market, and school outreach with Linda Stringfellow working with grade 6 & 7 classes. Please contact the Gallery for further information.



Erin Candela will be showing her work at the Gallery from June 29th to July 24th. She would like to offer a botanical walk and wildflower drawing /painting workshop while she is in Smithers at the beginning of July. Please contact the Gallery if you are interested.

Please contact Anne Havard if you would like to help paint images on the town mural.  
250-847-0214



**THANK YOU!!!**

*The Smithers Art Gallery would like to thank the Bulkley Valley Community Foundation for their generous financial support that helped with the Gallery renovations and the purchase of new equipment such as a new hanging system, lighting and a Proxima.*

**Dave Nehring's long awaited paintings will be featured at the Smithers Art Gallery from Tuesday June 1st to Saturday June 26th.**