

Abundant Beauty



The weekend of Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 last year was a lovely time to drive Escarpment country roads visiting artists' studios. The weather was a perfect temperature, skies were blue, the sun shone. Leaves were beginning to turn yellow, orange and red. The Fine Arts Society of Milton (FASM) tour featured 44 artists in 25 locations, including Campbellville, Carlisle, Eden Mills, Georgetown, Kilbride, Limehouse and Milton. The showings began on Friday evening with some studios hosting openings. Artists were present to discuss their work, explain their processes and make sales. This is a look at only some of the many artists and their creations.

on the Fine Arts Society of Milton Studio Tour 2023

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Potter and fabric artist Monika Schaefer hosted a Friday evening opening at her studio and garden, sharing her space with other artists.



◀ Monika Schaefer near her garden studio.

▼ Some of the “stem gems” that Monika Schaefer is known for.



▼ Artist and potter Heather Meehan of Campbellville, with some of her brightly coloured paintings.



▲ Textile artist Annick Bourdon offers a wide range of creations, including bags, totes, purses, framed art, home décor, art cards and ornaments.





▲ Ursula McDermid creates colourful works in pastel, acrylic and alcohol ink.

► “To inspire others to know how truly valuable they are” is the stated mission of Linda Ross Gallagher, a visual artist who paints *en plein air* (outside) from start to finish.



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◀ At Zenden Pottery in Acton, Janice Dalziel offers a large assortment of pots for sale, as well as pottery classes and a large viewing window from which to see the production area.

▶ Multi-talented Carol Ann Michaelson paints in her Georgetown studio. She uses knives, squeegees and brayers, a type of roller, to apply oil paint with cold wax medium to create atmospheric landscapes and abstracts.

▼ From her home in Kilbride, visual artist Diana Tuszynski paints flora and fauna, particularly birds.




▼ Based in Kilbride, Harold Dickert creates guitars that are known by musicians far and wide. Traditional or exotic woods can be used to make dream guitars.





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► Making stained glass pieces and windows is a passion for Anne-Ellise Pascoe of Milton.

◀ Monica Burnside's impressionistic oil paintings are created using brush and palette knife, *en plein air* and in studio.



▲ Constantly in awe of the beauty of nature, Kathleen Bignell says she's inspired by travel and the outdoors. Landscapes and flowers are frequent subjects.



▲ Barb Tate is an oil painter who enjoys working *en plein air* to produce landscapes and closeups of flowers.

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