

The Grand Opening of Alan Syliboy's Art Studio



Parade of Veterans is led by Piper Dan Wesley.



Anita Jean Abram

Located at 42 Legends Drive, Millbrook, NS open from 10 - 8 in the summer, open seven days a week, you will notice a beautiful building that is surrounded inside with glamorous artwork beyond your wildest dreams. Paintings, drums, children's books; mostly authored and illustrated by himself; Alan Syliboy. It also contains rattles made from deer Hyde, cards that display his art; that are wonderful keepsakes to share and even frame. There is also a collection of T-Shirts and sweaters displaying his artwork so you could wear anytime.

I had the honor and privilege of interviewing him on June 3 in his studio. I asked him who inspired his artwork, and he said his Kiju (grandmother), a former Chief of the Millbrook band from 1969 - 1971, Rachel Marshall. When he turned 19 Shirley Bear recruited him for a 6-month program in the U.S.A. within the New England states, and it was an art program where he did various workshops in Maine; which consisted of travelling to different communities, in Atlantic Canada; New Brunswick; Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. Petroglyphs gave himself a mission and a purpose, and not as landscape artists or portrait artists.

The whales are important to him because the Indigenous people before contact there were highly populated whales, as well as the Mi'kmaw but they suffered and diminished in population to 5% as well as the Mi'kmaw. The whales also shared a migratory path during the seasons, and they sing their songs that are portrayed in his art. They lived to be very old as well as the Mi'kmaw.

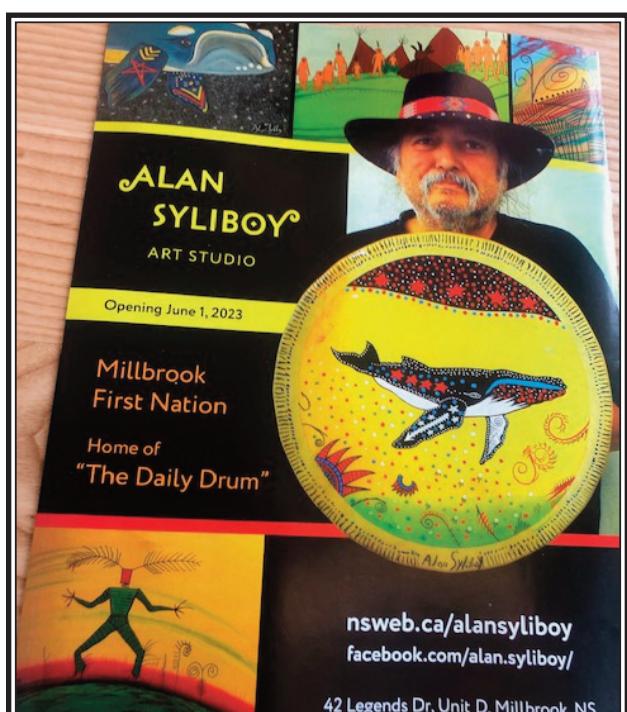
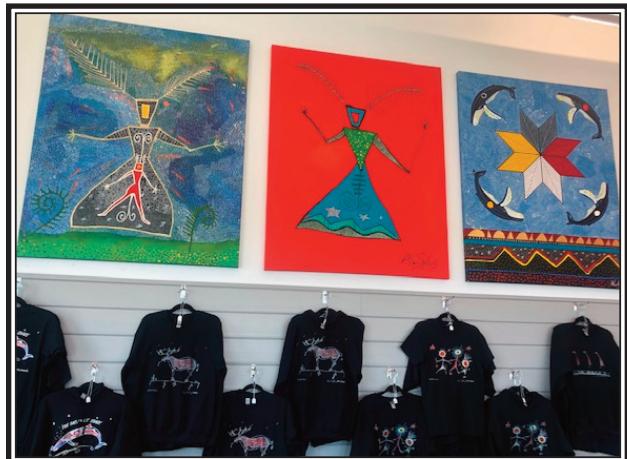
I told him that I see depth within his painting, and he responded, "My style changes and it does not stay with the same style, it's more of a journey and it never stays the same, and it's not static that way, I'm always looking for something new. The drums are another canvas for me, and they give me another opportunity to tell a story."

He is also in a band called the Thundermakers which are also available in

his studio, either on vinyl or CD, I believe they even received an ECMA Award.

At the end of our conversation, he mentioned that you can also buy his artwork on-

line and his website: www.alansyliboy.ca or www.facebook.com/alan.syliboy/. His phone number to the studio is (902) 895-5623 **M'sit No'komaq**



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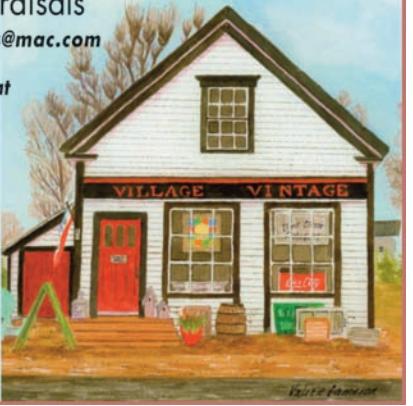
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