

## PHOTO FEATURE

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade held their Fire Prevention Open House on Saturday, Oct. 5th with EHS, RCMP and Special Hazards Response Unit also in attendance. (Harrington Photos)



OBFB Fire Fighter Blayne Turner demonstrates the Blood Pressure Training device.



Big boots to fill! Daniel Hines helps future fire fighter Mason Moore into turn-out protective gear.



Mackenna Moore takes her big brother for a drive in the OBFB firetruck.

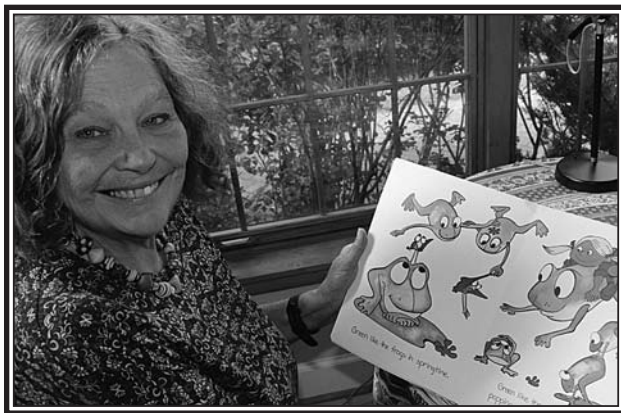


It wouldn't be an OBFB Open House without a ride in the little fire truck driven by Walter McElhinney.



Onslow Belmont, EHS and Special Hazards emergency response vehicles on display at the OBFB Open House.

## New Children's Book from Joy Laking



Joy Snihur Wyatt Laking reads from her new children's book, published by Pottersfield Press. Joy was busy taking orders for the book during her Open House with delivery prior to Christmas.

By Linda Harrington

A visit with Joy is always most enjoyable, but this time of year is even more exciting as new paintings are starting to take their place on the walls of the gallery, just in time for the her open house, which was held in October.

On average Joy Snihur Wyatt Laking completes over 70 paintings a year using oils, acrylics and watercolors so choosing what is hung in the gallery can be a challenge for the artist. She enjoys doing most of her work predominantly on location but may add the finishing details inside. When asked how she knows when a painting is complete she laughs and gives a bit of insight, "I place it in different locations and have a look when I walk by, I may take a photograph and look at it on screen and then I will notice little things. Some darks may be too dark, some may need lightening, some areas may not look solid...I can fuss for a long time until I can't fuss anymore."

Joy also provided a glance into the artistic process saying it is not without angst. "There are stages during the painting where it doesn't go well and you have to work through it," she says adding, "Ideas can totally change throughout the painting as you realize oh, wouldn't that be interesting to add there."

Joy held her first show at

Mount Saint Vincent University back in 1982 and at the time her focus was painting flowers on white paper. During a recent trip to Shri Lanka, Joy found herself using a similar format but this time her subjects were character

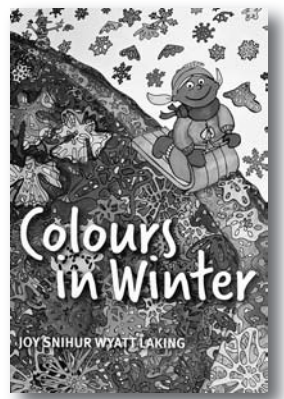
sketches of the everyday people she interacted with during her two months stay. When these dozens of paintings are spread out on the table, they provide a window into daily life in Shri Lanka while at the same time reflecting an emotional warmth one gets when looking through a family album.

Always learning and challenging herself, Joy has recently tried her artistic hand at waterfalls. "There is no white in watercolors" says Joy, "So water can be a challenge to paint, as you are filling in the colors around the white of the paper." From the look of the finished paintings, including one of the falls in Victoria Park, it appears she has this mastered.

One of Joy's original new paintings titled "Starry Night at the Library" is now hanging in



Joy paints predominately on location but will often add finishing details back in her studio.



"Colours in Winter" is a delightful new children's book written and illustrated by Joy Snihur Wyatt Laking.

the Colchester-East Hants Public Library thanks to an anonymous donor. The painting is a scene with skaters on the ice in front of the new Library.

Several of the Shri Lanka watercolors along with delightful scenes from areas closer to home, including Lunenburg, Bridgewater and Truro comprised the new collection of over 40 paintings for this year's open house which was held Oct 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th.

Joy has an exciting new project in the works. Pottersfield Press will soon be publishing a children's book "Colours in Winter", written and illustrated by Joy Snihur Wyatt Laking. The interesting twist is she completed the book 40 years ago and only recently, with the encouragement from husband Jim, did she send it off to see if anyone might publish the book. The imaginative full color picture book will appeal to all ages and Joy was busy taking orders during the Open House, with delivery in lots of time for Christmas.

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## OPEN HOUSE Ski Swap, Market & Equipment Sale

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