

28TH Year for Joy Laking's Open House



In 2016 Joy Laking travelled to Ghana, plus did two weeks in Port Bickerton as artist in residence for two weeks. Pictured here she's painting on-site in River John. Several of the new paintings will be exhibited at her 28th open house on October 15, 16, 22 and 23rd. (Submitted)

For twenty-eight years, visitors have come to Joy Laking's Gallery in Portauptique for her Open House. They are captured by the warmth of the artist and the beauty of her creations. This year, on October 15, 16, 22 and 23, from 10 am until 5 pm, everyone has the opportunity to view this year's paintings, from Joy's trip to Ghana, Africa, Port Bickerton and River John in Nova Scotia and from PEI. As always, there are also paintings done in Joy's favourite area; her home along the shore.

Never one to shy away from trying something unfamiliar, Laking always embraces a challenge. She started the year painting still lifes that captured antique silver and it's reflections, something she had never tried before. When travelling in Ghana, Africa, she was still thinking about reflections and this resulted in two paintings of pop bottles. Gradually her focus shifted to the colourfully clothed people and the brown dry landscape of Ghana. In addition to painting everyday life in Ghana (fishing, making palm oil, carrying water etc.), she also taught art to children in a small village school. (The primary class had seventy-nine students and one teacher and no access to paper, pencils or books.) In the same village, Laking painted her first ever mural on the side of a ten by thirty foot building for a woman's sewing co-op. Laking travels to paint in unfamiliar territory because she always returns home with fresh eyes and ideas and

approaches to her familiar Nova Scotia Scenery.

This year, Laking was chosen to be the 2016 Port Bickerton Lighthouse Artist in Residence. For two weeks, she painted in the fog and the sunshine on the rocky eastern shore. It is such a wonderful opportunity for an artist to be totally in their own head space for a length of time and many watercolours and two large oil paintings resulted.

In August, Laking headed up

an art blitz in River John with author, Sheree Fitch. For a week, four painters, a sculptor, a songwriter, and a photographer lived and worked together in River John. As they captured the incredible beauty of this North Shore landscape, they experienced the warm hospitality of the people of River John. At the same time, five writers in that area used the week to write about River John.

The week culminated in an amazing evening of presentations, a song and an exhibition of paintings, photography and sculpture that celebrated this rural community. Three of Laking's oil paintings and six watercolours as well as one new print, all inspired by the River John week, will be on display at this year's Open House exhibition.

Joy Laking has always tried to strengthen Nova Scotia's rural communities and to help Nova Scotians appreciate the beauty that surround us. The 2016 Open House Exhibition displays her bold and beautiful new paintings. Everyone is welcome. Laking's website is www.joylakinggallery.com



Another of Joy Laking's new creations. (Submitted)

Library Re-opens Sept. 29TH

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approximately 36,000 sq feet, with the previous building covering 16,289 sq feet. The Truro branch has increased in size from 9,000 to 19,000 sq ft. Additional areas in the new building are occupied with the offices for regional library staff, plus the Town of Truro has several rooms in the basement, which are available for rent to groups. Staff room, storage and mechanical rooms are also located in the basement.

The new facility and remodeling of the Normal College, owned by the Town of Truro have been constructed with a total cost approximately \$7.7-Million with the Library foundation raising approximately \$930,000 of its \$1-Million pledge. The County of Colchester made a significant contribution to the project, but capped its investment at approximately \$1.2-Million and also capped its share of ongoing operating costs.

It's been a long summer for staff to pack up, then unpack approximately 54,000 books, periodicals, DVD's and refreshed collections. The new library is laid out with a great variety of seating in many of the areas and a number of specialized labs on the first and second floor.

As part of the design, the original back exterior wall of the normal college has been maintained, so that the original windows have been retained. The windows with their famous brick-work arches are prominently visible when the public walks from the new addition back into the former college. On both the first and second floors, two windows were removed so that walk-through arch ways offered entrance to the new addition.

As part of the layout of the facility many rooms have been sponsored by prominent individuals and companies. A new Malcolm & Charlotte MacQuarrie room will feature 3-D printers, of which at the time of a pre-opening tour conducted by Janet Pelley in mid-September two are on-site and a larger third expected to arrive and be installed by September 29th.

Other sponsored rooms include the J Harris Reading room for all ages, which also includes kitchen, refrigerator and cooking area, which will be used for cooking and nutrition courses. Reading rooms have been established with the sponsorship from Burchell MacDougall and Ina M. Patterson. A John & Ann Garley Media Lab has been developed as well as the Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Colchester providing a program room for children.

Sponsorship has yet to be found for a Teen room; Historical Collection area; and two large spaces with lots of seating for adults. The adjoining areas are referred to as the Fireside Lounge and Community Lounge.



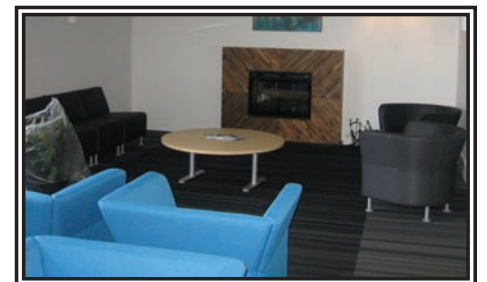
If you have work to do, or need to go online, the new Colchester-East Hants provides plenty of secluded areas, with tables and online connections.



The exterior back wall of the former Normal College was saved and now forms part of the interior wall on the new edition. Shown above is the entrance way which was created by removing two of the middle windows to create entrance way between the new and the old.



Shown here is a portion of the space and books dedicated to the Children's Fiction section houses in the newly construction section of the Colchester-East Hants Public Library.



There's plenty of quiet space and comfortable seating in the adult section. Shown above is the Fireside Lounge, which still needs a sponsor for completion.



MUNICIPALITY OF COLCHESTER MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

ADVANCE POLL 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 08, and Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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District 2	Cobequid Fire Hall # 1	3830 Hwy 236, Lower Truro
District 3	Hilden Fire Hall	1414 Hwy 2
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District 5	Salmon River Fire Hall	1102 Salmon River Rd
District 6	Emergency Operations Centre	39 Pictou Rd, Bible Hill
District 7	Tatamagouche Fire Hall	202 Main St
District 8	North River Fire Hall	94 Truro Rd
District 9	Admin Building Debert Air Industrial Park	439 MacElmon Rd
District 10	Great Village Fire Hall	8739 Hwy 2
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**Lorraine Dawson
Returning Officer
September 21, 2016**

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