

See your hometown through a different set of eyes with Local Colour



By Brock Weir

The paint is dry, wood is carved, the heavy lifting is done ? now it is just a matter of unveiling a new vision of Aurora to the rest of the town as local artists lift the curtain on Local Colour Aurora.

Local Colour, a group of area artists, have installed their new exhibition ?Paints the Town? at the Aurora Cultural Centre, which opens this Thursday, September 17. Founded by Judy Sherman and Eva Folks, the initiative was founded to provide local artists an opportunity to interpret their Town in ways they might not have tackled before and, ideally, tackle people, places and things around Aurora that wouldn't normally catch the eye of an artist, or even the public at large.

?Through this project we want to create an awareness of Aurora in Aurora so people get involved on all edges of the boundaries,? said Ms. Sherman. ?We hope it will bring more of a community together.?

Added Ms. Folks: ?There is going to be a good variety and all the different things people bring into it because everybody has a different view of Aurora and they do different things.?

Over the last two years, the Local Colour collective have fanned out across the community, painting area residents that are involved in their community, as well as those with ?interesting faces?, held open air painting sessions in such venues as the Aurora Farmers' Market, Aurora Public Library, Merlin's Hollow gardens, and St. Andrew's College, taken in landscapes, streetscapes, and, in some cases, veered significantly far from the beaten path to find hidden gems that make Aurora tick as a community.

Local Colour Aurora: Paints the Town is on now at the Aurora Cultural Centre and runs through November 14. A special opening reception for the exhibition will be held next Saturday, September 26, from 1 ? 4 p.m.

Participating artists include Chris Barfitt, Karen Duplisea, Cathy Fairs, Eva Folks, Karin Foulds, Maria Jurgens, Jose K., Nora Kunopaski, Stu Lawson, Majella Power, Judy Sherman, Helen Simpson, Stevie Stefano, Shirley Stockley and Dorothy Twigg.