

## Why buy Canadian art from your local artists?

It's very simple: because you can.

Emil Simon, former Owner of Wellington Gallery, once mentioned to me, "Deborah, 50 years ago there were less artists, therefore more art to choose from."

He's absolutely right.

The late Dick Illingworth stated, "A community without artists is like a body without a soul. A community needs its artists. To help portray the past: Artists may come and go, but their paintings last and last." That was from Poor Richard's Scrapbook in 2002. Dick is absolutely right.

Aurora has and always will have superb artists both professional and emerging. Yes, this market is flooded with every type of creative endeavor imaginable both traditional and contemporary. Therefore, there is something for everyone.

This is our seventh year and the Aurora Artist Studio Tour is once again opening its doors to the general public on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with eight studios featuring 28 artists. This is a free event. Free is a good thing. This is an opportunity for students pursuing an art career, or for families wanting to do something unique that particular weekend, to come out.

Original art is a nice addition to any redecorated room. You do not have to match the color of your couch to a painting, or a trendy new lipstick color we will create a piece to suit your home environment or commercial location.

Where and how an artist lives isn't the essence but how we live is the essence of our creativity, capturing our world in paintings. We do have social boundaries, we have political viewpoints, we have families, even lovable furry pets; most importantly we have art for sale.

Art, of course, is always in different price ranges and medias from oils, watercolour, acrylics, photography, to sculpture.

These artists also offer their greeting cards, calendars, books and prints. When you look at a painting it shall provoke an emotion within you whether positive or negative, and if that is the case we as artists have done our jobs.

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