



Susan Fraser (right) with Karin Richter, SCA exhibitions director at the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto Submitted photo

## Susan Fraser elected to Society of Canadian Artists

It is with great pleasure that the Valley Artisans' Co-op in Deep River announces that its member Susan Fraser is now Susan Fraser SCA, after she was recently elected into membership of the Society of Canadian Artists.

This honour was conferred on her on May 30, at the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto.

The Society of Canadian Artists is a national, non-profit artists' organization dedicated to expanding the visibility and stature of the visual arts and recognizes the highest qualities in art through a program of awards.

In addition it organizes and administers public exhibitions, workshops, lectures and communications that adhere to a standard of artistic excellence.

The SCA provides leadership within the arts community in Canada through the encouragement of original, artistic expression and experimentation in all media and visual art forms.

There are 281 elected members across Canada and 99 associate members.

The Arts and Letters Club of Toronto - begun in 1908 by Augustus Bridle, a journalist covering arts and culture, who gathered the leading writers, musicians, architects, academics and arts supporters to found an organization to champion the arts - quickly became the hotbed for ideas

that shaped Canada's artistic culture.

The Group of Seven painters, Vincent Massey, Governor General of Canada, Robertson Davies, novelist, Sir Edmund Walker, banker and generous patron of the arts, Marshall McLuhan, philosopher, Sir Ernest MacMillan, conductor and composer and many other equally distinguished members supported and challenged each other within its environs with the goal of creating a national cultural identity.

Guest speaker for this year's event was Katarina Atanassova, curator of Canadian Art at the National Gallery of Canada who spoke on the subject, "Exhibiting Canadian Art."

In order to achieve elected member status, Susan's work has passed an adjudication process which takes months to complete, during which five jurors from across Canada assess the candidates' work.

Contemporaneously, she was also granted Drawing Master status from the Drawing Society of Canada.

Susan holds a Bachelor of Biological Sciences degree, to which she attributes the foundation of her detailed drawings of the natural world.

She resides in Deep River.

"That is one of the nice things that I really like about the co-op - our artists are still being widely recognized for their excellence and quality work!" said Mary Lynn Benz, president of Valley Artisans' Co-op.

## Foundation launches new website

The Deep River and District Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of [www.drhdhfoundation.com](http://www.drhdhfoundation.com), a website devoted to increasing awareness about the Foundation, and how it supports our award-winning local hospital.

The current mission of the Foundation, which was established in 2002, is to raise funds for equipment to sustain the exceptional services offered at the Deep River and District Hospital.

You will be able to stay connected with what is happening at the Foundation with our Facebook page and now also with our new website.

The Foundation decided to keep the creation of this website "in-house," rather than outsourcing the job to a professional, in order to keep costs as low as possible.

First-time website creator and Foundation executive director, Amy Joyce, is enthusiastic about this new platform for the Foundation.

"We are excited to present this new online

face for the Foundation, and we hope that our increased presence online will better inform the community and donors about the Foundation and the many ways you can join us in supporting our hospital."

This website also offers a way for people to give back to our community by supporting this very worthwhile cause.

Donating to the Foundation online has never been easier; simply click the "donate" button on the new website to make a donation securely through PayPal.

Explore the new site and let us know what you think.

The website will be picked up in a Google search shortly, but for now, simply type [www.drhdhfoundation.com](http://www.drhdhfoundation.com) into your URL to access the site.

Alternatively, you can go to the Deep River and District Hospital's website, or our Facebook page, and click the link to be directed from there.

## OPG IS CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON THE OTTAWA RIVER

### TO PROTECT ONTARIO'S BIODIVERSITY.

Ontario Power Generation is conducting research in the vicinity of its Des Joachims, Chenaux and Chats Falls hydroelectric generating stations. This research, which is being carried out by Kleinschmidt Associates and Bowfin Environmental Consulting, is in support of OPG's ongoing American eel and lake sturgeon mitigation studies for these species at risk.

**Kleinschmidt** and **Bowfin** boats may be in close proximity to the shoreline as it completes day and night-time fishing abundance studies and shoreline inspections. This yearly research is being conducted under permits from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and in accordance with O. Reg. 242/08 (as amended by O. Reg. 176/13) under the Ontario Endangered Species Act. Work will continue until the end of September.

Please visit [www.opgbiodiversity.ca](http://www.opgbiodiversity.ca) to learn more about OPG's biodiversity programs. If you have any questions about these studies, contact OPG at 613-433-9673 ext. 3350.

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