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1. From the Office

It was an event filled Christmas Market, still recovering, with boxes of Market stuff filling up the NSDCC office. Friday was a busy, busy day in anticipation of Saturday's monster snowfall. I had fun walking from my accommodations on Barrington Street through knee (and sometimes deeper) deep snow. More to come on the weekends fun in the NSDCC printed News later this month.

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2. New & Renewing Members

Check back next issue

3. Members' News

Carol Smeraldo has a new website which has been a long term project which is now LIVE! CHECK THIS OUT. Lots of pottery-Raku, Porcelain and Pastel Paintings. Watch the video to see and hear Carol's last exhibition. Lots of pottery links. www.smeraldopottery.com

Also NEW! Carol has a blog site for all the really current stuff, events, HOT FROM THE KILN, and soon glaze recipes for cone 6 and raku and students work. CHECK IT OUT at <http://carolspottery.blogspot.com> There will be photos of my new kiln building and new gas kiln for raku and cone 6-10 firing. We hope to have the inaugural firing in a week or so.

NSCAD Professor Walter Ostrom C.M. Wins Prestigious Portia White Prize

Anne Schroeder's new website is up and running.

www.annschroederstudio.com

NSDCC member Double Happiness has done a photo guide to local shopping in Halifax, check it out...

<http://poppytalk.blogspot.com/search/label/Halifax%20City%20Guide>

NSDCC Members Michique Fine Apparel were in the news recently...

C.B. sisters thrilled with news that Kelly Ripa has handbag they designed

SYDNEY -- Most of the artists along the Cabot Trail have shut down their studios for the winter, but a few came out of hibernation for an exhibit on the weekend.

The Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design turned its new loft gallery into a holiday market filled with metalwork, pottery and other work by local artisans.

Read the full story at

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/NovaScotia/1093446.html>
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4. Exhibitions, Lectures & Gatherings =====

Susan Hubley - New Paintings

www.secordgallery.com

November 21 to December 13, 2008

A Stitch In Time

Through December 18

Artist Alexandra McCurdy's spectacular new show at the Ross Creek Professional Gallery. ÿ

Inspired by Mi'kmaq Quill and needlework, European textile and her personal history, McCurdy's work investigates the passage of time and the influence of tradition on both a personal and cultural level.

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Have an artful Christmas at Ross Creek on December 7!

A great way to get into the festive spirit with art activities for all ages including decoration making, plus warm cider, cookies, carols, live music, stories of the legendary Creekster, and fabulous art exhibits. These are all a part of an amazing holiday celebration with traditions from around the world.

Special musical guests: The Ghost Bees, a

a fabulous duo with mesmerizing harmonies and cool indie folk music stylings.

Leave your humbugs at home and come celebrate the best of the season with Ross Creek!

555 Ross Creek Road Canning, NS

For more info call 582-3842 or visit www.artscentre.ca

"Religious Studies" by Regina Coupar
November 30, 2008-January 31, 2009
The Ballroom Gallery of the Universalist Unitarian Church, 5500 Inglis Street in Halifax,
presents "Religious Studies", a series of collage paintings and raku sculptures by Regina Coupar. This exhibition draws from Coupar's research for her Master of Theological Studies thesis on art and theology. The exhibition runs from November 30, 2008 until January 31, 2009. Gallery hours are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 - 3:00 (closed for lunch); Sunday 9:30-1:00. Please note there will be no formal opening for the exhibition; Regina will speak about her work on January 11 at 10:30 am at the regular Sunday service, with informal discussion following at 11:45. All welcome. For more information, call the Gallery at (902) 429-5500 or email Regina at reginacoupar@eastlink.ca.

Amicus Gallery, 20 Pleasant St. Chester, NS
902-275-2496

"Forgotten Treasures" Art made Affordable
Dec 3-31

A show of not so new work by:

Frans Aeyelts
Kathy Brown
Merydie Fjarlie
Michael Flynn
Shelley Mitchell
Laurie Swim
Julie Walker

Drop by Studio 21 Fine Art on Saturday the 6th of December, and you will be delighted with the tasteful array of gift-sized artworks including a special selection of glassware & ceramics, hand-crafted ornaments, and a mixed show of paintings.ÿ Enjoy a variety of biscuits, spiced mulled cider, or Tideview Sparkling Cider, as you peruse the exhibition.

Ceramicist, Friederike Rahn, presents new work with her usual flare for organic form and funky, off-beat style.ÿ Her functional teapots, pitchers, tea cups, batter bowls, and coffee mugs are always a hit at this time of year!

New to Studio 21 Fine Art, Ontario glass artist, Susan Belyea produces vibrant, polka-dot-spattered goblets that will brighten anyone's spirit on a cold, grey, winter day (just add a hot toddy!).ÿ Andrew Kuntz, Jim Norton, & Welmo make a splash with immaculately crafted hand-blown wine goblets in various hues with delicate gold accents.

Painter, Darlene Shiels, celebrates the season with small paintings on board: sacred figures and birds painted in gold, with distinct borders etched deeply into the wood, and simple black backgrounds.ÿ These pieces have a spectacular presence in contrast to their reductive nature, and would be an excellent addition to any art collector's "stash", sure to be cherished for years to come.

The gallery selection will also include new work by Carol Bernier, Heidi Conrod, Susan Feindel, Mark Grantham, Yang Hong, Jennifer Hornyak, Norman Lalibert., Janice Leonard, Marilyn McAvoy, Vanessa Paschakarnis, David Sorensen, and Susan Wood, among many others.

In Gallery 2:

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Expect an eclectic mix of hand-picked prints and small-scale works of art, framed and ready to place under the tree.ÿ A mixture of all the gallery's artists will adorn the walls, staggered in salon-style & ready to go.ÿ From Janice Leonard's romantic landscapes painted on wood, to François Vincent's colourful gouache renderings, to Mark Grantham's well-loved local scenes, there will be a little something to catch each individual's discerning eye.

SEVEN IN CANNING

Canning--A group of seven women artists from the Annapolis Valley, known as SEVEN, will come together for a Holiday Sale of fine art and craft, at

Ocean Spirit Studio as part of the Seasonal Celebrations being put on by the Downtown Canning Arts District on Sunday, December 14, 10am-4pm.

You can purchase gifts from any one of these SEVEN artists

Pam Frail:ÿ mixed media jewellery

úÿÿÿÿÿÿÿÿ Jewellery from crocheted metals and fibre, beaded creations and a brand new line from recycled vinyl.

Marie Jardine:ÿ copper and brass

Jewellery, sculpture, home d,cor
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Angela Melanson:ÿ textile arts

Deborah Nicholson:ÿ photoworks

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Pia Skaarer Nielsen:ÿ fibre

Hand-woven scarves, shawls and throws; felted fruits, bees and dragonflies;
hand turned drop spindles for spinners
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Marilyn Rand:ÿ fibre

Felted hats and handbags; assorted knitwear; small mixed media artworks
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Kelly Marie Redcliffe:ÿÿ writerÿ

Watershed:ÿ A Collection of Poetry and Prose
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The group joined together for artistic companionship and inspiration January 2007.ÿ They have since met monthly for a good dose of laughter, to share works, discuss new techniques, new tools and materials.ÿ They put on a group show at the Argyle Fine Art Gallery, Halifax, November 2007; and will have another in September 2009ÿ at Harvest Gallery in Wolfville, September 2009.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Special Purchase of Art Works by Canadian Artists from Culturally Diverse Communities for the Canada Council Art Bank Collection
DEADLINE: 16 February 2009 (Postmarked)

The Canada Council Art Bank wishes to celebrate diversity in the visual arts milieu by purchasing art works by Canadian artists of African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American and/or mixed racial heritage. The primary objectives of this special purchase are to increase the awareness of culturally diverse artists about the programs offered by the Canada Council for the Arts; complement the Art Bank's collection; respond to the changing demographics of Canada; and serve the increased demand by Art Bank clients for art works by culturally diverse artists. Paintings, photographs, sculptures, prints, drawings and fine craft will all be considered. This initiative, developed in collaboration with Council's Equity Office, is in alignment with the Canada Council's strategic plan directions in support of individual artists and equity.

The process for submitting work to the Art Bank's purchase program is simple and straightforward. You can visit the Art Bank's website commencing 1 December 2008 to view the program guidelines and to download the application form or contact the Art Bank to obtain a paper copy. Completed submissions must be postmarked on or before 16 February 2009.

Please share this letter with culturally diverse artists in your community to ensure that it reaches as many artists as possible. There is a lot of exciting work across the country that would receive excellent exposure through the Art Bank's rental program.

Since 1972, the Canada Council Art Bank has been the leading art rental service in Canada offering an affordable art rental service that markets original contemporary Canadian art to promote and support Canada's artists. With more than 17,000 works of art, we have the largest collection of its kind and provide comprehensive professional services to all corporate and public sector clients.

Contact:
Suzanne Wolfe
613-566-4414 or 1-800-263-5588, ext.4612
suzanne.wolfe@canadacouncil.ca
www.artbank.ca

Please note that on 30 June 2009, the Art Bank will be announcing a second call for purchases open to all Canadian artists. Visit our website in June to find out the deadline date and to download the application form for that purchase program.

Unity & Diversity
A Juried National Exhibition of
Works by Canada's Craft Community at the

Canadian Pavilion, Cheongju International Craft Biennale
Deadline: Tuesday, March 31st, 2009 - 5pm EST

The Canadian Crafts Federation/Fédération canadienne des métiers d'art is proud to announce that Canada has been named the official guest country of the 2009 Cheongju International Craft Biennale in Cheongju, South Korea. Celebrating its 6th anniversary in 2009, the Cheongju International Craft Biennale is the largest and most outstanding fine craft-based biennale in the world. Over 1000 artists from more than 40 countries participate each year, with over half a million visitors in attendance during the month-long event. With a focus on high-quality functional and sculptural craft, the Biennale attracts attention from collectors, curators, academics, craftspeople and, of course, the public. It is a terrific opportunity to showcase the talent of Canadian craftspeople to the world. Each piece included in the Unity & Diversity exhibition will be entered into a second review, and may be selected to exhibit as part of a second project - an exhibition of Canadian and Korean work to be shown in Vancouver during the 2010 Olympics. To learn more about Canada's participation in the 2009 Cheongju International Craft Biennale, contact Maegen Black, Administrative Director of the Canadian Craft Federation at (506) 444-3315, maegen.black@gnb.ca.

For more information visit:
http://www.canadiancraftsfederation.ca/korea/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=57&Itemid=66

Just a quick reminder that the NSDCC's weekly online newsletter goes out every Tuesday afternoon (with a few exceptions, as always I'll try to keep folks informed when that is going to happen, or more to the point, not going to happen). If you have any items to include please pass them along by 11:59pm each Monday night.

I'm looking for fresh and timely information, lets keep our members and supporters engaged and in this case reading what's going on.

For submissions to the NSDCC printed News coming out later this month, please send them along via email by Friday, December 12th, 2008.

I will send out reminders as the deadlines approach.

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*Please note that any items received after my chosen deadlines may or may not appear in the online and/or printed newsletter for which you intended them. Think of it as a surprise gift from me when late items make it in. Repeat items may be altered in ways that make them unrecognizable. Smile.

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16pcs MDF. Dimensions: approx. 1/2" x 19" x 32". All have a factory finish with a round-over front edge.

These are FREE

Contact me at: charal@ns.sympatico.ca or 644-2464

Kiln for sale, only used a few times.

- 1 Kiln -M1888-DX - 240 volts
- 2 Full Round 15.5" Shelves
- 2 - 15.5" 1/2 Round Shelves
- 3 - 1/2" Post
- 6 - 1" Post
- 6 - 3" Post

Please contact Barbara at brtuck@mac.com for details.

Craft Show Booth - Free!

13 modular frames, each approx. 22"x 72".
All solid wood construction with butt hinges allowing for many different configurations.
Piping & drapery included.
We are moving and we need to see this booth adopted to a new home.
Call Al @ 644-2464 or email: charal@ns.sympatico.ca

For sale; three floor-standing pine easels originally purchased at Loomis (now Deserres). Excellent condition. \$25 each. They come with the original bars, but additional boxes and bars that attach can be purchased at Deserres. Contact Margot Metcalfe (902/425-0502) or margotm@chebucto.ns.ca.

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Halifax, Nova Scotia

<http://www.jobealegallery.net>
<http://www.secordgallery.com>
<http://astheology.ns.ca/astarts/current.html>
<http://www.harryhamm.ca>

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