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P*lease say you saw it in The Artist's Journal!* I'm confident this publication has contributed to the overwhelming response many art events have recently experienced. But I can't prove it, because the organizers of these events aren't aware of the original source of those who contact them. When you enquire about an event listed in this newsletter, and when you support any of the advertisers in this publication, please mention *The Artist's Journal*. I'd like to be able to prove the popularity of this newsletter. It will help secure this publication's future success.

Bill and Karen McKay, owners of *Touch of Elegance* recently sold their White Rock Gallery. Bill plans to concentrate on his busy wholesale frame warehouse in Langley. He has expanded his service to artists: *Touch of Elegance* now offers wholesale prices to the retail public every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-4pm (*see the ad on the back page*). Bill's success with his warehouse prompted the sale of his White Rock retail gallery, which was purchased by his sister and brother-in-law.

As mentioned in the last issue, artist and educator *Tim White* passed away in April. The colourful individual and talented artist enriched and touched the lives of many. Several events have been held in memory of the popular artist, including a dedication of a park bench. One of Tim's many teaching locations was the Wilson Centre in Port Coquitlam, and he also held outdoor painting sessions in nearby Minnekhada Regional Park. On September 16, his wife Jean, his family and friends held a life celebration and dedicated a park bench to his memory. The park bench, in Coquitlam's Minnekhada Park, was purchased through donations. In addition, the Wilson Centre in Port Coquitlam purchased one of Tim's paintings for permanent display. Both the park bench and the painting will bear plaques honouring his memory.

The BC Wildlife Federation is offering a great opportunity for artists to get exposure for their work and contribute to a worthy cause. See page two for their *Enter to Win* advertisement. *The Artist of the Year* program was developed in 1992 to help promote conservation support for B.C.'s fish, wildlife and habitat. Funds raised through the sale of limited edition art prints are directed to this ongoing preservation project. Call them now at 1-800-533-2293 -- and don't forget to tell them you saw it in *The Artist's Journal!*