

# Eve's Easel Talk

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Sympathies are extended to the Smith family, after the passing of **Margaret (Margita) Smith** of Surrey. Margaret was the vice-president of the **St. Helen's Art Club** in Surrey since it formed 20 years ago. The talented artist (of all media) passed away October 25 of cancer at the age of 75. She was a diligent worker for the art club, and a sweet individual who is greatly missed by all who knew her. The St. Helen's Art Club recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. The club president for the past 20 years, **Elsie Sims**, is currently recovering from hip surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to **Bonnie Roberts** and **Lila Menagh** who won 1st and 2nd place respectively, at the **Fraser Downs Art Competition**, held annually in the fall each year. The jurying was on Oct 31. Chosen entries were displayed at the Race Track on Nov 21.

In the last issue, I overlooked mentioning the grand opening of **Art-Topia**, 101-440 West Hastings, Vancouver 685-9100. **David Bubniw** is an air brush artist, who took over the inventory from Gastown's Air Brush Emporium. Currently Art-Topia stocks mostly student grade art materials, however David hopes to stock more selection of artist supplies.

Another grand opening was November 1st -- the official debut of **Frame Right**, 4394 Dawson St., Burnaby, 299-9362. Stop by and chat with owners **Kellie Bolton, Randy Green and Jocelyn Clarke** (see their ad on page seven).

Now for some bad news . . . Unfortunately, the **Alliance of Pacific Visual Artists (APVA)** may have to be dissolved. This non-profit organization was formed in 1996 as a replacement of Images and Objects. The APVA's goals are to encourage and support the arts and visual artists in various ways. Artists represented each of the 13 regions in BC. During its short reign, the APVA and its hard-working organizers accomplished much, including a successful art performance (*Popping the Quiff*) and art shows and promotions such as *DisCover*. Unfortunately, few attended the annual general meeting on November 16, bringing the executive to the realization that they can't continue doing all the work themselves. However, there is still a chance that the APVA can continue. If you have any ideas, would like to help, or want more information, contact **Cindi Hoffin** at (604)467-4763.

If you're a **Picasso** admirer, and you happen to be in Ottawa this spring, his works will be on display at the National Gallery of Canada (Ottawa) from April 3 to July 12. Tickets are \$10 unguided or \$13 guided. (*Continued next page.*)



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North Vancouver artist **Christian Cardell Corbet** was commissioned to do a portrait of the late Princess Diana. The portrait is drawn with conte crayon and pastel on Irish linen. This is the third work of art Corbet has created for the Royal Family. It was presented to Diana's sons in December.

**The Frame Warehouse**, formerly in the Surlang Mall in Surrey, has moved to Langley. They're now at Unit 110-19888 Langley Bypass. The phone number remains the same; 534-9870 (see their ad on page four). Drop in and visit **Tracey Strickler** and staff at their impressive new location.

A print by Galiano Island artist **Ronaldo Nordin**, 54, was presented as a gift to each of the 18 heads of state at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) last November. The print, valued at \$250 unframed, is a multiple image of etching and embossing, depicting West Coast life.

Here's a unique gift idea for an artist or art lover; a cookbook. **The Alternator Gallery** in Kelowna (273 Bernard Avenue, (250)868-2298) will be publishing the *Alternator Gallery Cookbook*, of recipes and illustrations by local artists. Vancouver's **Grunt Gallery** (116-350 East 2nd Ave., 875-9516) is also offering a book of recipes called *Palette to Palate* (\$20). It contains the favourite recipes and art of artists associated with the gallery.

**OpenArt Gallery** in Vancouver has moved to #115 2050 Scotia Street in Vancouver. The phone number is changed, effective Jan 1, to 709-4500. **Deborah Worsfold** says her gallery officially opens at its new location Jan 15.

If you didn't get that Mercedes Benz for Christmas, here's a chance to win one; well-known artist **Raymond Chow** is offering a 450 SL Mercedes in a draw, with a purchase of one of his works of art. For each purchase of his drawings, paintings or prints, you'll get one entry to the draw held in December 1998. For more information call the Raymond Chow Art Gallery, (604) 328-1068, located at 1618 West 75th in Vancouver. A portion of the funds go to the Gallery's designated registered charities.

Renowned watercolour artist **Toni Onley** underwent surgery for colon cancer in December. In a Vancouver Sun interview, Onley said his pre-surgery x-rays showed his cancer seemed to be contained and should respond well to surgery. The arts community wishes Toni a speedy recovery and good health. 🍀