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The 2016 Northern Art Show

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On August 6th and 7th, the North Kawartha Community Centre (NKCC) hosted the second annual Northern Art Show. For \$2.00 and a food or cash donation for the Food Bank, visitors were able to view some of Ontario's finest art originals in oil, acrylic and watercolour, and also ceramics and stone carvings. Artists from Toronto to Ottawa, along with many local artists, proudly displayed their work.

I was, once again, delighted to enter the NKCC community hall and view the walls and floor area completely filled with an impressive artistic display (Photo #1). Mark Kellett, a local artist and organizer of the two-day event, is certainly doing his best to make North Kawartha one of the artistic focal points of Peterborough County.

The highlight of the afternoon was having an opportunity to photographically capture the show, talk to the artists, and highlight a few of them for the Apsley Voice. In photo #2, Lisa Mace, a graduate of York University with a Fine Arts Honors degree, is a local artist on highway 504. Having sold hundreds of paintings, Lisa's work is enjoyed by many private and corporate collectors. Kelley Dodge (#3), owner of the Swamp

Song Studio in Woodview, presented a fine collection of animal paintings. Robert McAfee (#4), a professional Canadian Landscape artist, displays paintings reflecting his passion for the dramatic landscapes of Canada. Photo #5 captures Carol Westcott's lifelong interest in the out-of-doors in her paintings. Photo #6 engaged the audience with a variety of stone carvings by artist Ted Loyst who also enjoys building with stone and creating stone sculptures. Winner of numerous artistic awards, Karen Richardson (below) knows that enriching ones environment makes a better life, and expresses her feelings in a collection of transparent watercolour paintings.

A popular event each day was a butterfly release c/o Lucy's Butterfly Farm. Participants thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to have a butterfly land on their hand to sip a little nectar. At the conclusion of the show, the audience was asked to select an artist for The Peoples Choice Award. It was an impossible task, and I was simply amazed at the fine artistic excellence on display. The People's Choice Award recipient was Karen Richardson. The Best in Show winner was Laura Culic, second place Robert McAfee and third place Carol Westcott.

Photo below: Karen Richardson received the People's Choice Award for her works and booth at the Northern Art Show.

