

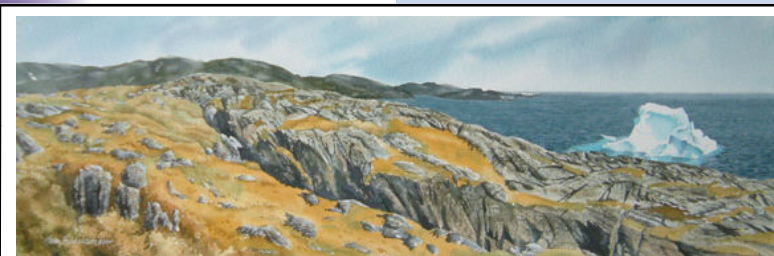
Clients' Corner

The Rotary Club of Port Perry recently hosted five business professionals from Siberia, as part of an international study exchange.

Karen was thrilled to meet these young Russians and learn about life in their home country. Two of them stayed at Karen and John's home for six days.

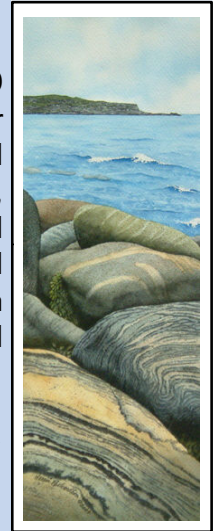


One of the visitors, Dr. Alexey Romanchyk, a maxillofacial surgeon, purchased 'Winter Wonderland III', pictured above, to take back to Russia as a gift for his wife Mariya.



Artist Explores Newfoundland

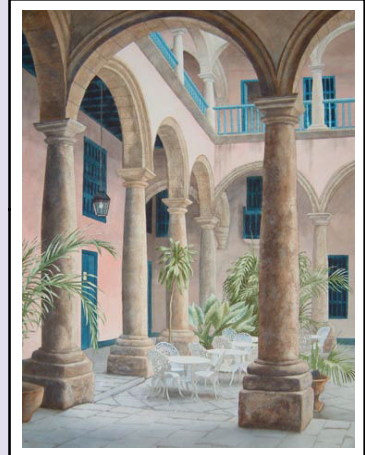
Karen spent nine weeks and covered 12,000 km touring the island of Newfoundland with her husband John in their RV this summer. She was thrilled to observe the powerful, beautiful vistas of 'The Rock', including numerous icebergs. She hiked and photographed extensively in the national parks and while there, painted with two Artists in Residence. Karen and John were privileged to meet many wonderful Islanders during their trip and learn about the local history, language, music, art and architecture. Karen looks forward to capturing this island paradise in many future paintings. 'Shipwreck Point', pictured right, is the second watercolour in this series.



'Cuban Rhythms' Wins Award of Excellence

Karen's large watercolour from her Havana series, 'Cuban Rhythms', pictured right, was honoured with an Award of Excellence and a cash prize by the Town of Ajax and PineRidge Arts Council at their 9th Annual Juried Show in Ajax on Nov. 2.

Juror Linda Jansma, curator of the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa, selected 60 paintings for the show from 180 entries and handed out 19 awards in total. The exhibition continues until Dec. 2 in the Atrium of the McLean Community Centre, 95 Magill Drive, Ajax, and is open Monday to Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Artist Commissioned to Paint 'The Rock'

When Aprille and Heber Janes visited Karen on the studio tour this spring and heard she was visiting Newfoundland this summer, they arranged to view her photos and sketches after the trip, with a large painting in mind.

Heber (who is from Newfoundland) and Aprille selected a panoramic scene from Great Brehat, near St. Anthony's. Karen was thrilled to create 'Where Ice Meets Rock', pictured left, in the size they wanted, custom framed for their Scugog Island home.

Awarded 'Artist For The Arts' by Scugog Council for the Arts

As the first recipient of the 'Artist For The Arts' Award, Karen was recognized by the Scugog Council for the Arts for her support and involvement in multiple areas of the arts throughout Scugog. The award was presented on Nov. 2 at the opening reception of Showcase of the Arts in Port Perry's Community Centre. Karen is pictured at left (in red) holding her award sculpture and certificate, beside SCA president Carey Nicholson, who reviewed Karen's community-related achievements during the presentation. Karen has been an active participant and organizer of the annual Lake Scugog Spring Studio Tour since 1999 and designed the Tour's distinctive frog logo. She volunteers on the board of directors for the SCA, producing their quarterly newsletter and co-ordinating their annual fall exhibition. Her home is filled with work by area artists, she teaches watercolour at several venues and she frequently attends theatrical performances at Town Hall 1873. Karen keeps the public informed on artistic happenings through her ArtSpoken column in the Scugog Standard and her work with the Rotary Club ensures that local artists are well represented at the annual Rotary Dinner Auction.



Photo by Christy Chase

Watercolour Classes - 'Barns, Blossoms and Beautiful Places'

Wednesdays, January 23 to March 5, afternoon OR evening (6 classes)

Meta4 Gallery, 200 Queen St., Port Perry 905-985-1534. www.meta4gallery.ca

This winter Karen will be teaching a series of intermediate level watercolour classes at Meta4 Contemporary Craft Gallery in Port Perry beginning Jan. 23. Students should have previous watercolour experience and can choose an afternoon course (1:00 to 3:30) or an evening course (7:00 to 9:30). There is no class on February 13 and the cost for six classes is \$130. plus GST, as well as a \$5 materials fee.

Karen will be demonstrating her painting techniques step-by-step, with emphasis on mixing colours from primary pigments and creating value contrasts to give the illusion of three dimensional light and shadow. Subjects will include a simple farm scene with a lesson in two-point perspective, a floral portrait and several seasonal landscapes, all from photos provided by Karen.

Robin Hobbs, a former student, had this to say about the class: "Karen's work is terrifically realistic and she gave me lots of useful technical tips on achieving realism in my own work as well as a good feel for the medium of watercolour. I really enjoyed her classes and look forward to taking more."

Please contact Meta4 Gallery to register for courses. The afternoon class will fill quickly so book your spot now. Karen will be teaching a similar series for Meta4's spring session, beginning after March break.

Art Show Dates & Locations

Lake Scugog Spring Studio Tour - May 3 & 4, 2008



Eighth annual, free, self-guided tour. See 38 artists exhibiting at 13 studios in the Scugog area. Visit with Karen in her home studio. Her guests this year will be sculptor Mike Stamper, who works in wood and stone, and jeweller Audrey Morgan. Samples of all three artists' work are pictured here.

Info: www.scugogstudiotour.ca.

Karen's web site has more images and information than ever! Have a look at www.karenrichardson.ca

