

## Clients' Corner

Have you considered having a painting made of your own home, cottage, farm or a favourite scene?

In 2001, Karen painted 'Season of Serenity' (shown below) for her friends MaryLynn West-Moynes and Doug Moynes.



*"It remains one of my favourite pieces of art," MaryLynn said recently. "After seeing Karen's work, we asked her to capture the warmth and uniqueness of our family home in Seagrave. We have moved since the house portrait was done and this exquisite piece of art brings to life the comfort, love and countless memories of good times with family and friends. Now that I live in downtown Hamilton, the painting is a centrepiece in our living room, prompting discussion by our guests and keeping our strong ties to the country and our roots alive."*

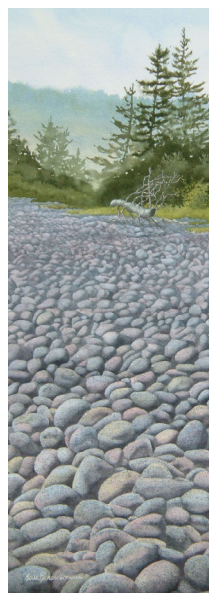
~MaryLynn West-Moynes,  
President, Mohawk College

Karen's award-winning watercolour 'Rivers in Time' was purchased last fall by Vivian McKoy for her husband Cliff Sarjeant. The large rock and waterfall painting now graces their Aurora home.

## Artist Goes Adventuring

Karen spent five weeks touring Nova Scotia with her husband John in their RV last summer, and found lots of new painting subjects. The watercolour to the right, 'Noteworthy' was inspired by a home and garden in Annapolis Royal.

This spring the adventuresome pair are headed to Labrador on a snowmobile tour to see caribou herds. This summer Karen and John will visit the Yukon and Northwest Territories in their RV. The following summer they plan to explore the rocky island of Newfoundland. Stay tuned for more great paintings of Canada!



## Stretching the Boundaries

This year, Karen is working on an exciting new series of stretched-format watercolours. They measure 16" by 30" including the framing, in either a horizontal or vertical format, and offer collectors an opportunity to purchase unusual artwork for those small or odd-sized wall spaces.

The watercolour to the left, 'Rocky Beach' depicts the layers of a Cape Breton shoreline, beginning with wave-smoothed rocks in the foreground, leading to a large driftwood tree in the distance, backed by grasses and evergreens, and a misty mountainside beyond.

## Watercolour Class Offered in Whitby

The Station Gallery in Whitby has invited Karen to teach a four week class 'Architectural Drawing and Painting in Watercolour' this spring. Classes will be held Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm on April 6 through 27 and will cost \$38 for gallery members or \$48 for non-members for all 4 weeks. The course is limited to 12 students.

Karen will demonstrate the principles of two-point perspective and show students how to create their own perspective drawing of a stone farmhouse and then add watercolour washes and details to complete a finished painting. Students should have some experience in watercolour. Contact the Gallery at 905-668-4185 to reserve your spot.

## Richardson Gallery Gets a Facelift

Over the winter, the Richardsons have renovated the gallery and foyer in their home. During the Lake Scugog Spring Studio Tour in May, visitors will be greeted in the foyer, newly tiled with a trillium motif custom-designed by Karen and cut and installed by John.

The main gallery room has a new cherry hardwood floor, fresh wall colour and updated accent lighting. This room showcases Karen's latest paintings from her travels to Georgian Bay, the north shore of Lake Superior, the foothills of British Columbia and the quaint countryside of Nova Scotia. The art is mounted in sleek black wooden frames with generously sized cream coloured matting and UV-blocking glass, producing an updated look that is very dramatic and contemporary. Prices for original paintings start at just \$125. Karen also offers limited edition reproductions of her artwork as well as Doors of Port Perry fine art posters and a large selection of Art Cards.

Can't get to a show? Visitors are welcome to come and see Karen's studio and gallery throughout the year. Just call or email ahead to arrange a convenient time for your visit.

## Scugog Mayor Honours Richardsons

Township of Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce recognized 20 individuals for their volunteer contributions to the local community in at an annual awards ceremony in January. Among those chosen for the Mayor's Honour Roll were John and Karen Richardson.

Mayor Pearce said, "This past year saw the creation of the first Scugog Council for the Arts and rising to the challenges of creating a new organization complete with by-laws, constitutions and an executive were John and Karen. John is serving as the first chairman of the organization and Karen is in charge of communications and creates the newsletter. Karen also served as the chair of the very successful Showcase of the Arts Show in November, which featured many of our local artists. She has been involved in past years with the Spring Studio Tour. This couple can be found at many, many fundraisers and are always there to buy a ticket and support other groups and organizations besides their own. However, this year they are being recognized for their commitment to the growth of arts in our community."

## 2006 Art Shows - Karen Richardson

### **Lake Scugog Spring Studio Tour** (7th Annual)

May 6 & 7

30 artists at 17 sites in the Scugog area. Visit with Karen and guest artists in her home studio.

### **Buckhorn Fine Art Festival** (29th Annual)

August 18 to 20 with an opening reception August 17

100 fine artists in a rural setting. Simply breathtaking. Buckhorn Community Centre, Buckhorn.

### **Showcase of the Arts** (Karen is Show Convenor for this 2nd Annual exhibition)

November 4 & 5 with an opening reception November 3

30 artists showing & demonstrating superb fine craft & art. Scugog Community Centre, Port Perry.