

Art is Blooming All Over the Valley

Tulip Art Time!

3 Yellow Tulips in Pakenham is celebrating the return of spring by holding a Tulip Art contest for children aged 1 to 8 inclusive. The contest runs from April 1–19, and the winners' names will be announced in the May issue of *theHumm* and posted on www.3yellowtulips.com. The theme of the contest is "Tulip Art", so each "budding" artist is asked to feature tulips in some way.

by Miss Cellaneous

Each piece of art submitted must be accompanied by a \$5 fee, and all money collected will be donated to the local Fundraiser for Baby Lily. All submissions must be received at the store before 5 PM on Sunday April 19. Sorry — no email or fax submissions will be accepted. Judges will be two of the local artists that are featured in the 3 Yellow Tulips Art Shoppe. The families of the judges and the owners of 3 Yellow Tulips will not be permitted to participate in the contest.

First prize is a fun family photo by the photographers of LightWisps, and second prize is a spinning top by Cathy Daub plus a bag of 3 Yellow Tulips famous peanut brittle. Contest winners must agree to having their names and a photo of their art published in the May issue of *theHumm*. 3 Yellow Tulips is located at 2518 County Road 29N in Pakenham. Contact them at

624-5932, or visit them online at www.3yellowtulips.com.

In Hard Times Good Art Endures

It is a paradox that art is often difficult to sell and yet in hard times, it prevails when so much else is uncertain. Civilisations collapse and vanish and yet cave paintings remain, still to be enjoyed with wonder.

A passion for art is in so many of us that it endures when so much else crumbles and fades. Artists of the Bohemian movement, like those of the 1960's, sacrificed a stable lifestyle for the sake of art. Is it because of their passion that from their ranks so many modern giants sprang? Art was not a luxury, but an essential, it was thought, and perhaps it is still.

Art survives the crises that beset us, living on, encapsulating what was and carrying it forward into what is. It is passed down in families as treasured memories. It is indeed an essential part of our lives and good art is now, more than ever, nothing less than an investment to rely upon.

The Appreciation of Art, an art show with two meanings, will take place at Gallery Perth, 16 Wilson Street West. Meet the artists at the reception on Saturday, April 18 from 2–5PM. For more information call 264-8338 or visit www.galleryperth.com.

— Edwina Wood

Sunflowers Bloom at Read's

If you're looking for something to brighten your day, drop in to Read's Book Shop and take a look at Jan Gilbert's brilliant

sunflower paintings. These acrylics on canvas, varying in size from minis to larger pieces, will be on display until May 11.

Read's Book Shop is located at 130 Lansdowne Ave. in Carleton Place. For more information call 257-7323 or check out Jan's profile on the Arts Carleton Place website at www.artscarletonplace.com.

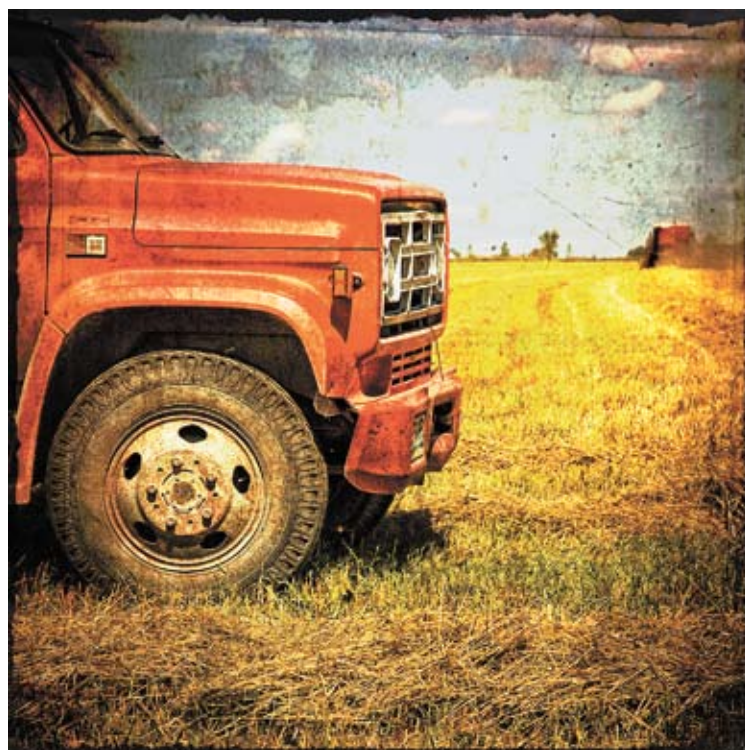
Michael Van der Tol at Gallery 6

Gallery 6 presents the photographic work of Michael Van der Tol from April 1 to May 29. The exhibit will feature a collection of Michael's unique images including a selection of work from his portfolio titled "On the Prairie You Can See the Wind".

Michael was named one of the Emerging Photographers of 2008 by Photolife Magazine. His photographic style is unique as he combines multiple exposure techniques using a variety of textures to give his images a very visceral and dated look — you will find yourself left with the question of whether the photographs are from a hundred years ago or a hundred seconds ago.

A vernissage will be held on April 17 from 6:30–8:30PM to meet and discuss the exhibit with the artist. More of Michael's work can be found on his website at www.michaelvandertol.com.

Gallery 6 is the home of the Chicks, all with a passion for art. Although each uses a different medium, their passion brought them together, and their desire to share that passion has created Gallery 6. To learn more about Gallery 6 go to www.gallery6.org, or visit them at 126 Prescott St. in Kemptville.



Images by Stittsville photographer Michael Van der Tol will be on display at Gallery 6 in Kemptville from April 1 to May 29



Glorious sunflowers by Jan Gilbert brighten the walls of Read's Book Shop in Carleton Place until May 11

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