

Amazing selection of artists at Ryan Fine Art

Opened for just its second season, it didn't take long for readers to decide Ryan Fine Art Gallery in Port Carling is Muskoka's Best Art Gallery/Studio.

Located alongside the Esso station on Highway 118, the gallery draws a lot of surprised visitors whose quick stop for gas turns into an unforgettable art experience.

With three viewing rooms and over 100 original paintings, the selection is second only to the friendly atmosphere where visitors feel comfortable browsing at their leisure.

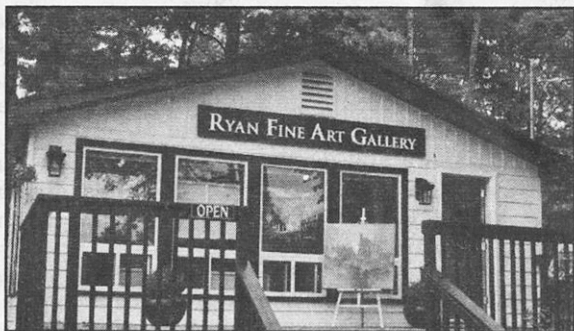
The owners, Susan and Richard Ryan, enjoy sharing their passion for collecting art and find the relationships they are building with clients very rewarding. In fact they frequently discover new artists to bring into the gallery through their customers' recommendations.

Born and raised in Montreal, the Ryans lean toward the distinctive Quebec style of painting and 75 per cent of the gallery's works are from Quebec artists. All originals and either acrylic or oil painted on canvas or board, the pieces vary from fun and colourful to serious classics, in styles from abstract to realism.

Marie Claude Boucher's bold, crooked houses have been a bestseller this year at the gallery and the work of Norman Boisvert has all but sold out. Ken Kirsch is a popular realist painter who specializes in cottage scenery and also does commis-

sions of family cottages and homes in the Muskoka area.

The work of all 26 artists featured at the gallery, including well-known masters Stanley Cosgrove, Serge Brunoni, and Gaston Rebry, can be viewed on the gal-



lery's website at ryanfineartgallery.com.

To view in person, the gallery is open weekends, Friday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. from now until the Bala Cranberry Festival on Oct. 15-17. In summer, the gallery is open seven days a week and in winter it is by appointment only.

The Ryans would like to thank their patrons and the readers of The Muskokan for choosing Ryan Fine Art Gallery the number 1 gallery/studio in Muskoka.

"We really truly do encourage people to come in and wander around, sit down, enjoy," said Susan. "People who come in can't get over it. We have had unbelievable comments ... the response has been overwhelming."