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## Local Painter Donates Piece for Eastern Township Exhibition

Hemmingford local Sharon Mark has been painting for over two decades.

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Sharon Mark at home in her studio.  
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**Greatly influenced by her grandmother's oil paintings, longtime Hemmingford resident Sharon (Somerville) Mark began painting in the eighties.**

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While she had always been interested in art, Mark only began to pursue a professional painting career following the birth of her children. "I just enjoy painting, and I always have. I started painting when my kids were born, because I wanted to work from home, and now it has been thirty years," said Mark when asked about what had originally fuelled her desire to paint. (Prior to her career as an artist, Mark worked as a secretary.) Self-taught, Mark turned a hobby into a full-fledged career, showing her pieces not only in the Chateauguay Valley, but across the country—not to mention the gallery owner who displays her work in his venue in Tel-Aviv, Israel. Most recently, Mark donated "October by the Lake" to Magog's Musée international d'art naïf de Magog, where the painting will be on display until March 12th. The same painting was also used in North Hatley's Galerie Jeannine Blais for their 2014 calendar.

Greatly influenced by her surroundings, Mark's work embraces a naïve style, as the artist prefers to paint tranquil visions of rural scenery, often featuring people and animals. Her close proximity to the Eastern Townships features prominently in her work—apple orchards, ancient barns and depictions of the natural world are obvious sources of inspiration for the painter. Citing winter as her best painting time, the world she creates on canvas is an idyllic one, free of the worries of everyday life, often drawing inspiration from her favourite artists, American folk painter Grandma Moses and Nova Scotia's Maud Lewis. Chateauguay Valley Regional High School's Mr. Tilley was also a notable influence for Mark at a young age.

Mark prefers to create her own landscapes, as opposed to working from an actual point of origin. This technique doesn't take away from her attention to skill—every leaf and blade of grass is intricately represented. "Her art is notable for the delicacy of its brushstrokes. Mark achieves the serene effect of her work through a painstakingly methodical approach. Using fine brushes, not a leaf or a brick escapes meticulous representation. She favours the effect of a foreshortened perspective," reads an article written by Robert Lafontaine of Magasin'Art about the talented artist's work.

Represented by Saint-Lambert agency Multi-Art, Mark began exhibiting in galleries in 1992, after a short stint of showing her work locally (her works have been displayed at numerous galleries across Canada, from Nova Scotia to Alberta). Today, she produces close to a hundred paintings a year, which are eagerly received by a receptive clientele. The artist has also worked with Unicef in the past—the charity has used her paintings in their holiday cards, which are sold to raise money for their cause.

Mark's studio gallery is open by appointment. To view more for her work, visit her website [www.sharonmark.com](http://www.sharonmark.com).

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À Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, le 9 décembre 2015, à l'âge de 74 ans, est décédée madame Jacqueline Tremblay, épouse de monsieur Charles Hardy. Outre son époux, elle laisse dans le deuil ses enfants Mario, Manon (Dominique Hotte), Chantale (Stéphane Thibault...

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De Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, le 29 décembre 2015, à l'âge de 70 ans, est décédée madame Réjeanne Stanislas. Elle laisse dans le deuil ses enfants Julie Dion, Jean-François Dion (Josée Demers) et Johanne Dion (David Houle), ses petits-enfants Frédérick, Ya...

### Mario Sasseville



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À Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, le 4 janvier 2016, à l'âge de 75 ans, est décédé monsieur Mario Sasseville, époux de madame Nicole Rolland. Outre son épouse, il laisse dans le deuil ses enfants Johanne, Luc (Sidney "Tripp" Wood), son petit-fils Truman, ses be...

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### Orpstown Welcomes Gigzz Musique-Resto to List of Local Merchants

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Opened in October 2015 by owners Christine and Kevin Bickes, Gigzz Musique-Resto has quickly made a name for itself. The local couple, who are music enthusiasts, addressed their mutual passion for song by opening the venue.



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### Author Somsy Camvan Releases His Third Novel

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Dewittville's own has been hard at work wrapping up his third work, *The American Ghost*, just in time for the holiday season.



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### Neva Shelton's The Nutcracker Celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a Performance at Local Venue Grove Hall

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Neva Shelton's L'École de Danse is proud to present a ballet true to holiday tradition this coming weekend.



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### The Chorale Madrigale Takes to the Stage for the Holidays

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Franklin-based choir singing group encourages locals to head out for a night of traditional Christmas music.



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### Singer-Songwriter Bruce Murdoch Lights Up Local Venue

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On November 27th locals enjoyed live music on behalf of Ormstown resident Bruce Murdoch.



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### Remains of one of the oldest villages in Quebec discovered

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This past July, archaeologists from the Haut Saint-Laurent MRC discovered traces of what appears to be the oldest known village in Quebec in the Cazaville area of Saint-Anicet.

## En manchette



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### Howick's 4-H Club Enjoys Local Christmas Parade

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On Saturday, December 5th, the Howick 4-H club participated in Howick's Eighth Annual Christmas Parade.



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### Alzheimer Society launches its #StillHere campaign

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According to half of Canadians, it is not possible to live well with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. The Société Alzheimer du Suroît wants to change this negative attitude towards the disease with its #StillHere campaign which has been launched during Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

### Huntingdon Bowling Center To Host Knockdown Cancer Event

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