

## "WINE TASTING IS AN ART" - OCTOBER 1ST - 12 NOON TO 5P.M.

For a number of years four Kelowna art galleries have partnered with local wineries to present "Wine Tasting is an Art". This year the special day is Monday, October 1st. Each of the four galleries will have one or more artists present to speak about their work, answer questions and in some cases, demonstrate how they work their magic.

In the downtown area, **The Evans Gallery and Framing** has bronze sculpture artist Linda Kelly back for a return visit. Many people, myself included, feel that bronze represents the ultimate three dimensional art form. Linda is so good both doing it and explaining the five major steps of getting from the first carving to the final product. In addition, internationally known potter and clay artist George Greedy, will be present to share his creations and humorous wisdom as it applies to his art form. George and his wife Rosemary, recently spearheaded the wildly successful Clay Festival held at the Parkinson Rec Centre. You will sip samples from Cedar Creek Winery at this stop on your tour.

Also downtown, **Picture Perfect** is again featuring popular artists from past events. Vancouver artist Michael Stockdale is one of

many who come regularly to the Okanagan to gain inspiration for their landscapes. Michael's bright bold farm scenes and vineyards have been hugely popular, especially when combined with his barnboard frames that often look like the front of a barn or the top of a wine barrel. Store manager and creative designer Neil Thacker returns with his watercolors, but this year adds acrylic works to his extensive talent pool. Fellow employee, James Postill, is back with new selections of his well executed watercolors. If you haven't made this stop in the past, do it this year and enjoy the wines of **Gray Monk**.

Moving south to the Mission area, you will come first to Kelowna's native connection, **Turtle Island Gallery**. Cree artist Jerry Whitehead will be present painting his brilliant acrylics on canvas. In addition, Penticton soapstone carver Billy Lizotte will be demonstrating the finer points of carving rock. For those who are not aware, everything shown at Turtle Island is aboriginal artwork in many forms and all produced by many of Canada's finest native artists. It is a fun atmosphere and there is always something going on. Jerry & Billy will be working out on the gallery lawn,

weather permitting. Added pleasure is courtesy of **St. Hubertus Winery**.

The fourth partner on this special day gets double billing from this column. The originator of this wine and art event, **The Tutt Street Gallery**, rounds out your afternoon with a nationally recognized artist by the name of Dianne Brunet, here by special invitation from Quebec (more information next paragraph). Here you will taste the new offerings of **Quail's Gate Winery**.

Diane Brunet, along with Constance Bachmann and Christine Reimer, compromise the visual art opponent of a unique art event entitled "Wine, Women & Song" opening at **The Tutt Street Gallery**, Friday, September 28th from 5pm. I've written about the stunning still life pieces of Kelowna's Constance Bachmann before. This time, pay particular attention to a piece entitled "Moroccan Silk". Those vibrant Okanagan landscapes that adorn the walls of the Capri Hotel Vintage Room are the work of Victoria artist Christine Reimer, another artist who spends considerable time soaking up the beauty of our home turf. A large piece entitled "Summer in the Okanagan" says it all. Diane Brunet's whimsi-



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cal portrayals of every day folk living out daily life comings and goings are sure to put a smile on your face and a lift in your heart. I love the titles. My favorite piece of the few present at the time of writing is one called "My Dog Wants to Play in the Snow". The icing on the cake at this show is being treated to the marvelous singing talent of Ellen Churchill and her keyboard accompanist. Refreshments will be served. For sure, this is a "must-go-show".

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