



ARTIST'S EYE. Neil Sternberg stands in front of one of his pieces. On Saturday afternoon, Chapel Gallery in Bracebridge held an opening reception for Muskoka: A different light, a collection of Sternberg's work. (Photo by Matt Driscoll)

Artist's work depicts today's life in Muskoka

Muskoka is the inspiration for Neil Sternberg's paintings that are being shown in a one-man exhibition at Chapel Gallery in Bracebridge that began last month.

"As a realist artist, it is important to me that I depict my life and my surroundings as truthfully as I can through my art," said Sternberg, whose goal is to offer a contemporary take on the area, its people and culture. "People still view Muskoka through the lens of the Group of Seven, but a lot has changed since that time. I want to depict a

broader picture of what it means to live in Muskoka during our time," Sternberg revealed.

Sternberg takes a broad look at life in Muskoka, from its resort culture and tourism industry to train travel and significant landmarks. Whether painting a winter landscape or a pair of well-worn boots, Sternberg tries to get to the heart of why a place or subject strikes a chord within him.

"I love the long winters in Muskoka, but the strength and duration of the season forces us to

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