

Many will be presenting artwork designed specifically for the show –

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With an effort to hold back her tears, she says, “Like everyone participating in this event, all I want is to try and make life a little easier for any person dealing with the effects of cancer.”

Christina Yankovich (pictured on cover on right side), a local jewelry designer who will be exhibiting at the event, says she believes The Art of Remembering will be an emotional but wonderful experience for everyone who attends.

“My father died nine years ago from lung cancer and I found it was a really difficult thing to deal with, even years after his death,” she says. “Being as passionate about art as I am, I truly believe that an event like this will help me, and others, to further deal with the loss or suffering of a loved one.”

Whether it is someone who is a cancer survivor, is currently struggling with cancer, or a friend or family member who has lost someone to cancer, The Art of Remembering is meant to celebrate the lives of everyone who has come into contact with

the disease, says Wagland.

“I believe this event will be a bit of a cleansing for anyone who attends — it is going to be very powerful to see everyone together supporting and sharing,” says Terry Gill (pictured in centre on cover), of Impressions of Nature Gill Studio Gallery in Huntsville.

Gill, like many of the other artists attending the event, will be presenting artwork which he designed specifically for the show.

One of his works was created from information he received from Wagland about the personality and interests of her late sister.

“Everyone deals with grief differently and the whole idea of using art and artists together is very healing for all kinds of people,” says Gill, who has lost a number of family members to cancer, and has numerous friends that have been diagnosed.

A lot of art shows take place in Muskoka, but according to Gill, this exhibition is truly unique.

“It is an art show where everyone, artist or not, is there to raise

awareness about this disease and how to cope and help others who are having a hard time dealing — it is presenting a much different kind of message through the use of art.”

Artists tend to pour 100 per cent of their souls into their work, but in creating a specific piece of artwork for The Art of Remembering, they have had to dig much deeper, says Wagland.

“In attending this event, the public will get to see a different perspective of artwork that shows a vast amount of emotion — a more profound look into the artist’s heart and mind.”

For the exhibition, every artist has donated one piece of art to be sold in the event’s silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Some of the artists will also be donating money from their sales. Artists attending include: Patrick Doherty (patrickdoherty.com), Andrea Turnbull (thymeoftheseason.wordpress.com), Col Mitchell (cedaravenstudio.com), John de Lang (woodsends.ca), Bev Easton, Rima Geleziunas and Marc de



SHE CELL C SHELL: Black and white does not do this painting by Col Mitchell of Cedar Raven Studio justice. To see it in its true earthy brown tones, head to the Art of Remembering exhibition this weekend in Huntsville, where Mitchell will be displaying this piece and more. (Submitted photo)

Groote (marcdegroote.com).

The event, sponsored by Hidden Valley Resort, will also include refreshments and live entertainment. Performers include classical pianist Marilyn de Lang, Chris Wagland, Tobin Spring, Sean Connon, the Clint Goodwin Band and Papa John.

Wagland says that if the exhibition is a success, she hopes to turn it into an annual event.

The Art of Remembering will take place at the Hidden Valley Resort in Huntsville, 1755 Valley

Road. The opening gala begins Friday, May 8 at 6 p.m. and runs to 10 p.m. The exhibition and sale will continue on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the silent auction closing at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Hidden Valley Resort will also be offering special room rates to guests attending the event.

For more event details or to send an inquiry to one of the show’s artists, go to artofremembering.gravityartanddesign.com or contact Wagland at 788-7062.

Submit your comments online –

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district in site planning and 911 addressing.

Because the district has only had the photos since last October, there is still some work that needs to be done to improve the usability of the web mapping system, said Good.

Currently, one of the downfalls is that the site works best with Internet Explorer and tends to run slower or encounter glitches when used with browsers such as Safari or Firefox.

Huntsville added their local aerial photos to the town’s online interactive map in November last year and are experiencing the same type of browser compatibility problems, said Margaret Stead, Huntsville GIS co-ordinator.

“Just like the district, we are currently working on new applications to make our site run smoother and be much more user friendly — it’s still pretty new to us and it is a work in progress,” she said.

The district is encouraging the public to visit its new mapping site and would like to hear sugges-



MUSKOKA BAY PARK on Hwy 169 in Gravenhurst. The ball diamond and tennis courts are clearly visible.

tions and comments about its functionality, said Good.

To check out the new Muskoka Web Map go to www.muskoka.on.ca and under Services, click on the Maps section. To comment on the site, click on the contact-us email link at the top of the map

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