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Weather



TODAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 14
LOW OF -2



TUESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 13
LOW OF -3



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 18
LOW OF 5



THURSDAY:
A MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 22
LOW OF 6



FRIDAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 22
LOW OF 5

Artists With Heart auction to raise funds for Ken Jones Respite program in Potton



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

This coming Mother's Day weekend, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre(CABMN) Ken Jones Respite Committee (KJC) will launch an online art auction to raise funds in support of its long running weekly respite program.
The Ken Jones Respite program and centre, in existence for over 30 years, is a place where people with special needs, specifically adults with intellectual and physical disabilities get together once a week to socialize with each other. The program is held every Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Missisquoi North Youth centre and is designed to give families and/or caregivers a day of respite. Thursdays are filled

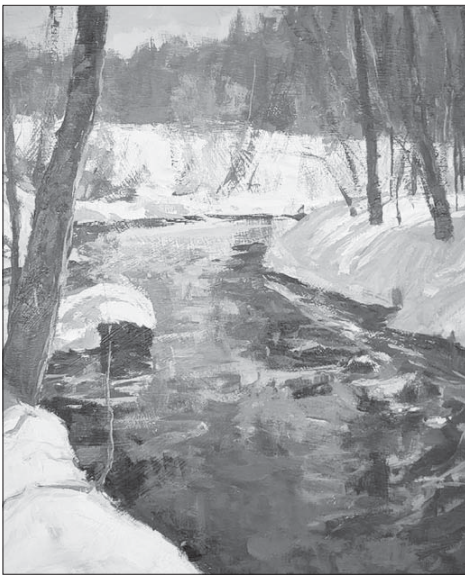
with social and leisure activities such as

- Crafts;
- Indoor bowling at the centre as well as bowling outings;
- Music;
- Dancing;
- Story time;
- Baking;
- Birthday celebrations;
- Games(bingo, puzzles, etc.);
- LOTS and LOTS of visiting amongst each other;

And so much more.

The Covid Pandemic certainly impacted the respite program as participants who attended from other municipalities had to follow directives that at times suspended the program locally and also required those from other areas to remain in their own municipalities. For the program to pay for itself a limited number of participants is required. With four regular attendees coming from other areas, numbers and funds decreased. The small reserve that had been raised has diminished and fundraising is vital to assure the program's continuation. Participants attending locally and their caregivers would surely feel the loss should the program not continue.

When members of the artistic community both local and widespread heard of this cause, many were quick to respond generously in making this fundraiser possible.
On Mother's Day weekend a Facebook page will launch sharing information about the generous artists who have contributed items for the upcoming auction as well as photos of their creative pieces. Those interested in bidding will have a week to peruse the site, plan their bid and prepare for the following week when the bidding will begin. Bids will be taken for one week and the auction will end at the end of the bidding week. The site will be monitored regularly throughout the bidding week.
"I hope that people will be pleased with the great selection of art that was so generously offered by local artists to help the KJC," said



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Mark Gustav Zimmerl, Spring Afternoon 2023 Acrylic on wood panel/ Acrylique sur panneau de bois 18x18"

Madeleine Langlois, member of both the KJC committee and CABMN Board of Directors.
Langlois has spearheaded this initiative and is extremely touched and appreciative for the support displayed by the artistic community and the majority of the artists who were approached.
"In order to get the most of their effort, we have decided to use the CABMN Facebook page which will be launched for the occasion," explains Langlois. "It is admittedly not the most advanced method in terms of technology but it is free of administration or commission charges and so all the money raised will go to the cause."
For this initiative to be successful it requires two things. The first being donations from artists which we are proud to announce has been beyond our expectations. The second is you, the generous bidders who will contribute financially while adding a beautiful piece of art to your collection. Please, help us in support of the Ken Jones Respite program and in showing the artists how much we appreciate their talent and kindness.



Patricia Barrowman, Qui IV 2023 papier/métal 19cm x 30cm x 15cm (7 1/2" x 11 3/4" x 5 3/4")

Ben by Daniel Shelton

