

CANVASS

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Re-creation

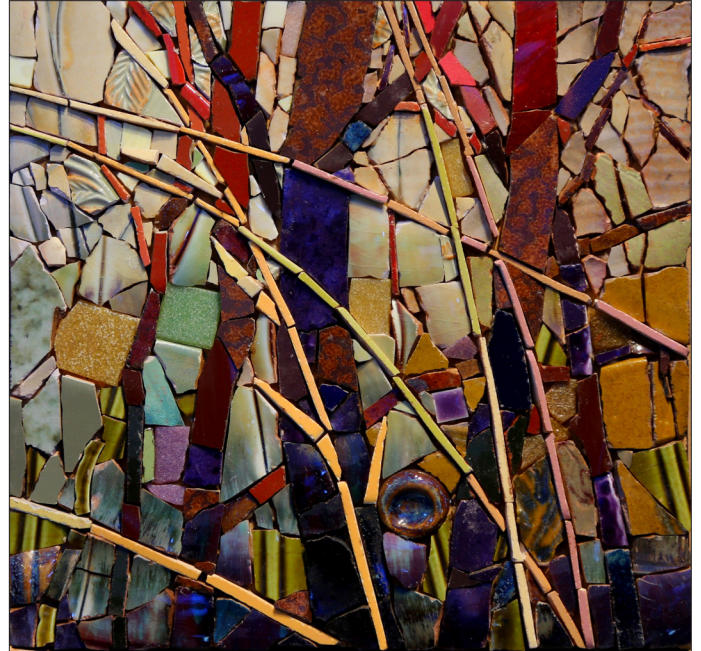
Sharon Loepky (main floor)

Colour Distinctive:

Art and Spirituality

Angela Lillico and Genevieve Henderson
(upstairs)

June 23 to September 15
Opening: June 23, 7:30 pm



Sharon Loepky, *Tall Grass in the Deer Meadow #4*

Re-creation

"I am a wanderer in my neighbourhood. I follow the paths, the creeks, and the field roads and rarely walk far from home. But the completeness of this small world astounds me. Here I see a divine creation that never ends, a world that is constantly being made new.



Sharon Loepky, *Winter Sun From Ski Trail #1*

"As an artist, this act of renewal or re-creation is also my task. This work is my connection to the Creator God, one in whose image I am also created. At the time, the work is exhausting and seems unending, but this search for the new as it emerges from the old pulls me on.

"As in the natural world, my re-creations are also a remaking of something past. A piece of a broken teapot, a tile from a rubbish heap, or a treasure found in a thrift store remains recognisable as part of that old creation and brings its own story to the new.

Sharon Loepky

Change and No Change: MHC Gallery will officially become part of Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) on June 1, 2017. I will continue as curator, responsible for raising the budget through donations designated to the gallery. **Donations, for now, can continue as they always have, through Mennonite Church Canada. Any donations mistakenly sent to Mennonite Church Canada after June 1 will be forwarded to the gallery through CMU for at least a year following.**

Major projects such as *Along the Road to Freedom* and *Leap in Faith* will be completed as anticipated. Exhibitions scheduled remain the same.

I believe this change of ownership is a good thing and am confident that as part of the university the Gallery can continue to be a vital, important institution, speaking to our wider community. We trust it will remain, as I was recently told by someone at The Winnipeg Foundation, "on the cutting edge" among arts, cultural, and community institutions. The Gallery has been doing for almost 20 years what "many institutions still only talk about doing."

I request your prayers as we weave through the transition, that the gallery, now and in the future, honours and acknowledges the Creator of us all.

Ray Dirks

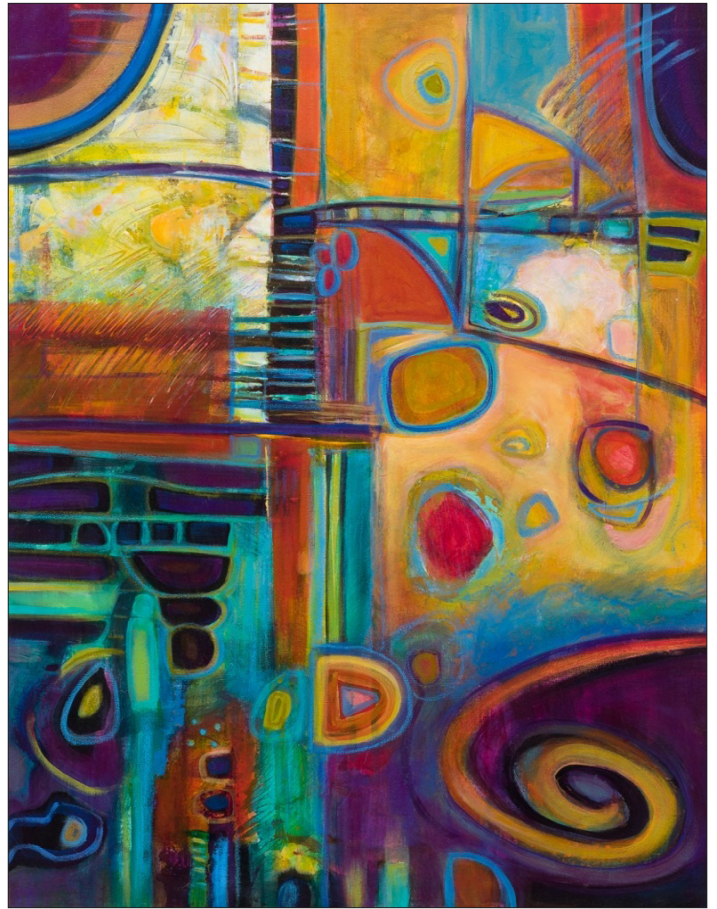
Colour Distinctive: Art and Spirituality

"As impressionistic and expressionist artists, we hope to evoke emotional reactions to our vibrant, colourful, and sometimes calm, ethereal paintings. We strive to create art from our hearts and minds that will touch the soul.

"For both of us, art making is a deeply felt and spiritual experience. We believe that art can be invigorating, awakening, and healing not only for ourselves but also for others. It can be a life-affirming and life-changing process. Art can promote mindfulness, meditation, and a sense of discovery.



Angela Lillico, Transfiguration



Genevie Henderson, Dream Fragments

These beneficial concepts have been well documented in studies on expressive therapies.

"As artists, we have a responsibility and a duty to share our art, whether that is through accessible exhibition, teaching art for self expression, creating art to beautify and enhance our community, or through philanthropic efforts that benefit others. Creativity through art in our world can inspire, ignite, and make a difference.

Genevie Henderson and Angela Lillico

**NEXT: 'Segun Olude and Gibril Bangura, art and stories from Nigeria
September 24 to November 18: Opening September 24.**

DON'T MISS! Our annual fundraiser and celebration: September 29, 7:30pm.

Proposals?

Artists, please, submit your proposals to us! The gallery hosts exhibits in approximate two month blocks throughout the year.

Mailing list

To receive **CANVASS**, invitations to all exhibitions and other gallery updates contact Connie Wiebe, cwiebe@mennonitechurch.ca.

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