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As people uniquely different, yet profoundly the same, this exhibit will engage us in that age old exploration of "Who am I?" and "What does it mean to be human?" Connie Munson

Head To The Hills ...

and take part in a month-long extravaganza of free arts & cultural activities with the ...

2nd annual ***FORMS, FACES & SPACES,***
figuratively speaking!

proudly part of the 27th Scotiabank CONTACT Festival Exhibition
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May 3 – 28, Lower Sisnett Lobby, Georgetown & the Falls Gallery, Alton

A total of 39 artists from the GTA, Hamilton and further north explored the implications of this theme with a range of interpretations that have yielded a rich and eclectic body of work. From the abstract to surreal, impressionistic and realism, studio work, street photography, and photographic art, the mix of photography with other fine art is energetic and exciting!

Showing concurrently in renowned tourist destination sites in the Caledon and Halton Hills, start your Passport Tour by picking up your passport each weekend at any one of the venues. Visit the other gallery that same weekend, get it stamped and enter the four weekly draws for Gift Bags, value \$200.00+. **Free admission** to show and **all events**.

Week One Events ...

The Bohemian Salon premieres with an Open Mic reading series on Friday, May 5, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Studio, located off the Lower Sisnett Lobby in the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 9 Church Street, Downtown Georgetown. Local and regional writers are booked with walk-in readers welcome. Enjoy a stimulating evening out and another viewing of the art exhibit. Free admission and an array of snacks for purchase,.

OPENING RECEPTION - Saturday, May 6 from 1 – 4:30 pm in the Falls Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, 1402 Queen St. W., Alton. Mix and mingle with the artists, enjoy light refreshments, and the Spring Open House weekend at the Mill.

CURATORIAL PRESENTATION - Sunday, May 7 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm Judy Daley is doing a Juror's Walk & Talk at the Lower Sisnett Lobby in the Cultural Centre, 9 Church Street, Downtown Georgetown. Enrich your appreciation of the pieces in this show with this presentation and discussion.

Other Events Not to be Missed with this Exhibition ...

The Opening Reception at the Lower Sisnett Lobby in Downtown Georgetown is on **Saturday, May 13** from 11 am – 2:30 pm with live music from the Sidemen Trio, dance vignettes from Marni Cooke, and a Meet 'n Mingle with the artists and photographers. Parking at a nearby municipal lot and fully accessible venue.

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 at the Falls Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre – after you've taken Mom out on her special day, you can stop in to see the exhibit and watch a dynamic Flamenco dance vignette as Marnie Cooke performs, 1:30 – 2:00 pm. Free Workshop, Moments in Time, 2:15 – 3:15 pm with Connie Munson of the *Memory Lane Project*.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party is **Sunday, May 21** from 12:30 – 4:30 pm at the Falls Gallery in Alton Mill Arts Centre with live music from solo guitarist, Paul Llewyn-Williams, and panel discussion, *Reaching out ... the role of art in growing community*. Facilitated by Robert Steven, Executive Director, Portrait Gallery of Canada, with other leaders in the arts field - photographers, artists, directors, and policy makers. Register for FREE EventBrite [tickets](#).

Awards Ceremony at the Lower Sisnett Lobby in Downtown Georgetown is **Saturday, May 27** from 11 am – 2:30 pm with the presentation of cash prizes and Awards Certificates for the Honorable Ann Lawlor's Mayor's Choice and People's Choice. Light refreshments.

Awards Ceremony Sunday, May 28 from 2:00 – 4:30 pm at the Falls Gallery in Alton Mill Arts Centre with Featured Guest, Robert Steven, Executive Director, Portrait Gallery of Canada - **In conversation with ...** special artist guests from Visual Arts Brampton's Open Studio Portraiture Group, Sherry Park, Helen Duplassie, George Zhand, and Paul McKusker, along with artists Leo Dias and Meena Chopra. Cash prizes and Awards Certificates for Honorable Annette Groves's Mayor's Choice and People's Choice. Light refreshments.

Bohemian Salon Friday, May 12, 7:00 – 8:30 pm is **Shutterbugs Schtick** with mini-presentations and sharing with photographers, both from the show and other enthusiasts in the area. Held in the Studio, located off the Lower Sisnett Lobby in the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 9 Church Street, Downtown Georgetown.

Moments in Time free workshops on **Friday, May 19** at the **Bohemian Salon** in the Lower Sisnett Lobby in Downtown Georgetown and **May 14 and 22** at the **Falls Gallery** in the Alton Mill Arts Centre with Memory Lane project director, Connie Munson, for a look at how to capture and share those family moments. Display of photo albums, ephemera and arts related collections with writing prompts for captions and story-telling.

Bohemian Salon Friday, May 26, 7:00 – 8:30 pm is another Open Mic for both readings and acoustic music in the Studio, located off the Lower Sisnett Lobby in the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 9 Church Street, Downtown Georgetown.

One show hanging in two galleries, each in a renowned tourist destination area. For the perfect weekend experience of exploring you can ‘*Head to the Hills*’, the hills of Caledon and Halton Hills and make it a Passport Tour.

Visit each gallery on the same weekend to enter your stamped passport for the weekly draw of a Gift Bag. Four weekends, four Gift Bags – each with a minimum \$200.00 value of items.

A full [Schedule of Events](#) for May gives details about the speakers, free workshops, dance and music performances, Open Mic, and cultural salons happening at each venue.

Artful Communities in action ...

Organized and hosted by Studio By Design’s Connie Munson, who is passionate about all things photography and working towards a greater good. As she and other creatives know full well, a picture is worth a thousand words.

To that end, **the iconic images in this show capture the rhythms and routines of our daily lives and portray what can unite us amidst our diversity.**

Thank you to the people and businesses behind the scenes who have made this show possible!

Meet the Jurors ... [Judy Daley](#), with an extensive curatorial and arts practice, recently retired, and [Fausta Facciponte](#), photographer, contemporary artist, and professor have adjudicated an exciting show.

About the adjudication process ...

... it's a unique opportunity to experience contemporary works of art and to encourage artists at different stages of their careers. ... and discovering artworks that resonate on an emotional or intellectual level are for me, highlights of the jurying process. Judy Daley

Endorsed by Visual Arts Brampton, Arts on the Credit, Downtown Georgetown BIA, and Tourism Caledon with special calls out to the Latow Photography Guild and Halton Hills Camera Club. With heartfelt thank-yous to featured guest Robert Steven, Executive Director of Portrait Gallery of Canada, for his generous participation in special events.

Sponsors contributing to the artists’ awards and the dance and music performances are Jeffery Group Real Estate of Georgetown, Health in Hands Clinic of Mississauga, and Vintage Exclusive Wines of Brampton.

The Gift Bag Donors are Vintage Exclusive Wines, Visual Arts Brampton, Arts on the Credit, James from House of Mann, Terra Cotta Cookies, Peel Hardware and Supply, artists Helen Duplassie, Katie Wyse, Laura Beaton, and Studio By Design.

Receptions and special events contributors are Terra Cotta Cookies with refreshments for the Opening Receptions and Kathy Gastle catering the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party with the Women’s Institute and the Friends of Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum, both of Norval, Ontario.