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Art Junction heats up winter

Harvey Lim is pulling out all the stops for his winter show at Art Junction this Sunday, Dec. 19. When I stopped by recently, his gallery was already brimming with new works, painted specially for this event.

Three new artists to the gallery will display their art, along with new paintings by some of the gallery's established artists. The new artists are Frank Jalsovsky, Sol Maya and Bruce Muir. I have already written about Jalsovsky and Maya in previous columns and am thrilled that their work will be exhibited at Art Junction. Muir paints in a dramatically realistic style and is impressive. I love his "Alpine Spring" oil on canvas that Harvey is using on his invitation.

Long-time favourites Mark Berens, Vicki English, Alex Fong, Hugh Kearney, Wayne Leidenfrost, Ellen Mahon, Gloria Masse, Sharon Norman, and Lorraine Surcouf have all been inspired to paint something new for the show and believe me, there is some superb art on display for your enjoyment!

To make the event even more delectable, Helen and Jennifer from Cracked Pepper Catering will provide the goodies. The reception is planned on Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m.

It is always a difficult and challenging job taking over an established gallery and making it one's own. While one wants to retain the ambiance and atmosphere of the original gallery, it is also important to imprint one's own signature on it. Congratulations, Harvey — I really think that you have been successful in achieving this quite difficult balance and I feel that Art



art works Judy Szabo

Junction just keeps getting better and better.

ONGOING EVENTS... I am so excited about the Viseye Photo Gallery solo show of photographs by Bonny Makarewicz. I well remember when I first came to Whistler and was hired by The Question (quite a few years ago now) to help man the front desk. The small, determined person of Makarewicz was soon pointed out to me as a person with a huge talent.

I was amazed. How could this petite young woman, who looked about my daughter's age, have such an amazing reputation? Action shots, human interest, nature, portraits... you name it and Makarewicz has done it and won awards right, left and centre!

Well, I soon learned that, like her Jack Russell terrier, Makarewicz doesn't let anything stop her. Her nonchalant and casual demeanour disguises a very tough and steely determination to get that perfect shot. And, let's face it, you really do have to have some serious muscle power to pack around some of the heavy equipment that is the normal part of her job. (And, she accomplishes this feat while ski-



Gloria Masse's First Snow
ing, biking, etc., too.)

Over the years I have learned that Makarewicz has an uncanny ability to be able to cut to the heart of a problem and I feel that she has that same ability to "see" to the core of her subjects. I think her photographs are quite superb. Swing that hair, Bonny!

AT MY MILLENNIUM PLACE is the ongoing show featuring the paintings of Theresa Mura and Barbara Hirano.

A SUGGESTION: A piece of original art, whether a painting, carving, ceramic item, photograph, jewellery or print, would make a truly special and memorable Christmas present. Make a point of checking out the galleries, studios and art/craft venues scattered throughout Whistler and Pemberton for that remarkable gift. Believe me, there is something available in every price range and taste.

Right top: Valley Trail II by Ellen Mahon.
Right bottom: an acrylic by Vicki English

