

Works by Gloria Masse featured at Function gallery

A year after the opening of their successful gallery in Function Junction, Jan Holmberg, Ted Nebbeling and Harvey Lim are ex-

panding their space to almost double the original area.

Designed to specifically showcase individual

artists, visitors can enjoy numerous new works by Gloria Masse this month at artjunction@function.

Renowned for her un-

forgettable wolf paintings, Masse is expanding her repertoire to include mesmerizing grizzly bears, cougars, fruits and interesting flora.

Especially fascinating are her three-panel works. "Wolf Cub Run" depicts wolf cubs coming and going — you can almost hear the grass rustling and swishing. This painting is full of light, tonal variation and bold and soft hues — a fleeting moment is immortalized.

"Grizzly Bears, Huckleberries, Salmon and Glacier Lilies" is another imaginative three-panel work showing the grizzly bear's favourite foods.

The colour, energy and the story that unfolds delights the viewer. Masse's obvious love and respect for her subjects is apparent in all her works, and especially in her "Grizzly Bear Gaze". Visit this exhibition of her works and see what I mean. These paintings are quite large and as Masse lives on Gambier Island, Holmberg had quite an adventure transporting them to his gallery. I'm glad he managed it!

Mixed media artist Sharon Norman is an artist who incorporates her photographs within painted canvas.

They are about the photographic journey as well as the journey of abstraction and movement of the painted surface. Each painting has its own story

to tell — like a secret has appeared amid the paint. "It is an expression of my experience at Whistler and the wonderful environment of Whistler itself ... the light, the serenity, the vastness of the landscape," says Norman. "Whistler — Lone Skier" evokes a mood of intimacy and solitude as we follow the skier into the snow.

New works by Dieter Schlatter, Roger Hale and Hugh Kearney are among the treats in store at artjunction@function.

I was lucky enough recently to conduct an art tour for 20 or so women from the United States to some of our Whistler galleries. These women are world travellers and quite sophisticated art connois-



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seurs. Our galleries received top marks.

DID YOU KNOW ... that Georges Braque and Pablo Picasso were the originators of Cubism which expresses the three-dimensionality of the objects by showing simultaneous viewpoints on the same plane?



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Gloria Masse's colourful works can be seen at artjunction@function.