

Visual artist Cheryl Bailey's works to be on display at Dragonfly Arts



A display of bold, vibrant acrylic paintings produced by a local artist will be on display at Dragonfly Arts this month. Cheryl Bailey, a visual artist, will be featured at the gallery for the entire month of February, introducing the community to an important emerging artist whose rural landscapes range from loosely representational to highly abstract. A press release sent out by Dragonfly said Ms. Bailey's latest series has developed into one of the signatures of her work. Each painting begins on a heavily textured black underpainting, which Ms. Bailey creates powerful compositions overtop of, using limited zones of light, middle and dark colours which allows for different degrees of the black to show through. The contrast each of the colours creates, combined with the black underneath, adds what Dragonfly describes as a powerful luminosity to the works, with the colours creating an impactful, rich glow. Sometimes, it appears the artist just enjoys a good, juicy swatch of colour, the gallery wrote. This textured approach, combined with a flattening of shapes and Cheryl's exciting colour choices results in an adventurous interpretation of the landscapes and meadows found in the Hills of Headwaters. Dragonfly added that Cheryl's bold expression in painting has led to her acceptance in many of the juried exhibitions in the Greater Toronto Area. In March 2015, Ms. Bailey also participated in a group exhibition in the Founder's Lounge at the McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinburg, with a return engagement set in the schedule for 2016. This Saturday (February 6), Dragonfly Arts will be hosting a Meet the Artist event at the gallery. The event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., when residents can meet Ms. Bailey, discuss her art, and view the works that will be on display. For more information, check out www.dragonflyarts.ca or call the gallery directly at 519-941-5249.