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Jeane Myers,
Beneath the Skin VII,
Oil on canvas

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SOUTHAMPTON ART SCHOOL
& GALLERY SHOP

NEWS FROM THE ART SCHOOL DIRECTOR, Sharon Barfoot

When I was charged with the Directorship of the Southampton Art School in September 09, my life took an about face. Every turn along the way so far has enriched my life immensely. I have met so many talented artists, made some new friends, and worked with some fabulously talented people. As we step into 2010, my vision for the Art School has expanded to include many new and exciting projects.

Recently, I have been contemplating why art is important to society. The arts are a powerful vehicle for communication, a way to express visions that are beyond the capacity of words and a medium for cultural enlightenment. Knowledge of the arts is an indispensable foundation for enlightened citizenship in our increasingly complicated world. Artists, both the professional and the hobbyist are the visual historians of our life experience.

Keeping these thoughts in mind, **I have tried to build a program for 2010 that will enrich the lives of those who attend our art school. We begin our year in February with our lecture**

series on Monet to Van Gogh: The History of Impressionism. This DVD series will be offered in our state of the art renovated art school and is open to everyone **by donation.**

This spring, we will host two Artists in Residence; **Mayako Nakamura (Japan)** and **Jean Myers (Oregon)** for the month of May. Visit jeanemyers.com and mayakonakamura.jp and our website to enroll in their workshops.

I have also introduced over 30 new courses to our roster this year.

Aly and I would like to welcome **Diane Owen and Mary Lee Cross** to the organization. We look forward to working with both of you!

There are many ways in which you can support the Art School. You can volunteer your time at one of our events; take a class; spread the word on your blog or webpage; teach a course; become a member; make a purchase at the gallery shop or make a donation. Any and all of these options will ensure the continued success of the Southampton Art School.

NEWS FROM THE GALLERY DIRECTOR, Aly Boltman

The Gallery had **record-setting seasonal sales** to report, a sign that the **"shop local"** movement has truly hit home in Saugeen Shores. The community's efforts to sustain our hard working and creative organization have allowed us to remain stable, even in the midst of a trying economy. With your continued support, we can look forward to another year as the **premier arts destination in Saugeen Shores!**

We are looking forward to hosting a number of new artists at the Gallery. Painter Susan Gunter joined us in December, and sold "Winter Memories" to the County of Bruce within hours of her first installation on our walls. Susan Seitz will begin showing her work this week, and there are five other artists currently undergoing the jury process by our artist members. The jury process allows us to ensure that we can continue to showcase only the most talented and creative regional artists in all specialties.

Beginning **March 17th**, we will start accepting **artwork submissions for the 8th annual Feast for the Eyes Juried Exhibition for emerging artists.** This event serves as a **fund-raiser** for our registered charity, and as a **food drive** for

the local food bank. **Over \$1700 in cash and prizes will be distributed to winning artists at opening gala on April 9 from 7-9 pm.** The gala will also feature an unstoppable "Feast" of **silent auction items** with a *foodie* theme. More details are coming soon to our website.

Judges for the 8th Annual Feast for the Eyes will be **Michelle Le Chien** (Assistant Curator/Registrar, Tom Thomson Art Gallery), **Julia White** (mixed media artist), and **Steven White** (mixed media artist) whose solo printmaking/kinetic sculpture show was recently featured at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery.

We are proud to announce that **three of the Gallery & Shop's artists have had work accepted into the highly competitive and renowned Tom Thomson Art Gallery juried Convergence show!** 367 artists submitted work to this show, but only 37 artworks were chosen. Among those artworks, Gallery Member Artists **Dianne Sutter, Valerie Cargo and Akke Stretch's works were represented! Congratulations to these talented artists!**

Winter Gallery hours: Thurs.-Sat. 10 am - 5 pm until April, or by chance or appointment.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHAMPTON ARTS SOCIETY PRESIDENT

The Southampton Arts Society Board is very pleased to welcome back **Michael Hills**. Michael sat on the Board for several years and was a very capable and well-liked President for the Society. We are pleased that Michael has the time and the desire to return to our Board to participate in our exciting initiatives and progress in the coming years.

The Arts Society would also like to welcome **Diane Owen** and **Mary Lee Cross** to our staff. Diane was the successful candidate for the Rural Development Officer position that was created through funding we were successful in obtaining from the **Foundation for Rural Living**. Many thanks go out to **Sharon Barfoot**, our Art School Director, who was instrumental in preparing our application to the Foundation for Rural Living, and conducting the interviews of the possible candidates along with Gallery & Shop Director Aly Boltman. We look forward to working with Diane in the coming year, and we hope she will achieve some great results for our organization.

Mary Lee Cross is the successful candidate for the administrative assistant position. Although the position is complicated, requiring finesse and patience, Mary Lee has already shown herself to have both of these qualities and she is fitting in very well. It is very exciting for the Arts Society to increase its staff with such capable people added to the highly qualified and effective staff already in place. It is another sign of our growing and thriving organization.

Our best wishes to **Sarah Rozee-Thede** who has served as our administrative assistant for the past year or so. Sarah and her husband Brent are expecting a baby girl in mid February! Congratulations from all of us!

We are also very happy to report that the membership of the Arts Society has grown to over 60, through the efforts of **Frank and Cheryl Heizer**. Cheryl had set a goal of 60 members for 2009 and has surpassed her goal. Congratulations! Anyone else who may be interested in becoming a member of the Southampton Arts Society can call the Gallery at 519-797-5068 to learn more about the benefits of membership with this fine organization.

The Southampton Arts Society will hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

After a short business meeting there will be social time. We invite members of the public to come and join our organization and to participate in this fun and informative event. Posters and notices will be going out closer to the date, but we look forward to some new faces and ideas.

Nancy Wyonch,
President, Southampton Arts Society

COMING EVENTS!

Guest artist Sarah Slater opens her solo show in the guest artist room at the Southampton Art Gallery & Shop **Feb. 13, 2010**. The show runs until April 7, 2010. Join Sarah for her public **meet and greet on Feb. 13 between 12-2 pm**.

Mid February marks the anticipated release of the **Southampton Art School's online catalogue of classes for 2010. With over 30 new classes on the roster, there is truly something for everyone. Visit www.southamptonart.com** The printed catalogue will be available mid February.

From Monet to Van Gogh: A History of Impressionism lecture series hosted by the Southampton Art School. February 26 from 7-9 pm and February 27 from 2-4 pm at the Southampton Art School. Open to all, free with a donation to the Art School.

8th Annual Feast for the Eyes Juried Exhibition for Emerging Artists gala opening and awards ceremony Thursday, April 9, 2010 in the upper gallery from 7-9 pm. Exhibit runs until May 9, 2010. **Submissions of artwork and non-perishable food item for the food bank begins Wednesday, March 17, 2010.**

May 1 - The Southampton Art School launches their 2nd annual Artist in residence program, welcoming renowned abstract contemporary artists **Jeane Myers** from **Oregon, U.S.A.** and **Mayako Nakamura** from **Tokyo, Japan.**