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## Church opens the Red Door to art

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**DOVER** - The annual Red Door Gallery Art Sale at St. Dunstan's Church in Dover isn't safe anymore.

That is, according to Gallery Chairman GiGi Bruggeman. She listened to customer suggestions over the years asking for more contemporary and even abstract art.

Now in its fourth year, last weekend's exhibit previously featured predominantly oil paintings and watercolors. Bruggeman said, "We're not safe anymore. We are evolving as we get more experience. This year, we have a good amount of mixed media such as collages, simple color photography, and sculptures. Our mission is to showcase new work. We want to keep it fresh every year and offer a good balance, a mix of different medias."

The show had two separate shopping areas: the downstairs art Gallery and the upstairs Cottage that featured the work of artisans and craftsmen. Especially interesting to Bruggeman was the collaborative art - a "start" artist created a collage on one half of paper, and a "response" artist finished the other half. Nan Daly's and Kay Villa's pictures were featured. The two women began working together after meeting at the New Art Center in Newton.

Bruggeman traveled with last year's chairman, Lynn Petrasch, to numerous Boston area artists' open studios to find a variety of artwork. She also made it a point during the summer to visit galleries on Cape Cod to search out interesting pieces to bring to the Red Door. Approximately one-third of the exhibit featured new artists, but also quite a few Dover and Sherborn artists have consistently displayed their items every year.

Sherborn resident Fordie Madiera creates colorful collages solely from cut pieces of paper. Sherborn photographer, Steve Maka displayed his "kinetic photographic illustrations." After working as a graphic designer in New York City, he made a major career change 30 years ago and became a full-time nature photographer. According to Maka, "Working on a children's project for metamorphosis was the beginning, now the concept is the hardest part."

The Cottage also had some of Maka's prints for sale this year along with 56 other unique items. Early holiday shoppers chose from quite an assortment of jewelry, pottery, rugs, woodwork, scarves, pillows, and decoys, all usually priced under \$100.

Catherine Belden, Cottage chairman, said the weekend, "is an opportunity for people to have a cultural event in Dover and come into our doors for something other than worship. It also supports local artists and gives them a community venue."

She said a popular exhibit this year was by the two youngest "craftsmen" of the company, Hannah & Abi Designs. One-hundred percent of the young girls' profits from selling cigar box handbags goes to charity.


Belden said all exhibitors donate 25 percent of their profits to St. Dunstan's. A portion of this will be donated to Artists for Humanity in Boston, an organization whose mission is to help high school youths interested in the arts and employment in the field.

"It's amazing to see the artists' generosity and enthusiasm," she said.

At a Friday evening gathering specially held for parishioners many of the artisans traveled from as far away as Providence and the North Shore to attend.

Quite a few local residents displayed their wares as well. Belden said every year,

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people come to the show just to see new pieces from the well-known potter from Dover, Fiona Stockwell. Another town resident, Anna Spangenberg, sold out of one style of the popular Pashmina scarves she carries in her line of accessories.

There were a number of artisans from Needham and Medfield. Tracy Jaques of Medfield sold lace bookmarks while her daughter, Becki, sold her own string bookmarks. A raffle was held offering a painting class with renowned local artist Carl Schaad. On Saturday morning, Betty Courtemanche, of The Frame Shop in Natick and Medfield, spoke on how to frame a piece of art and take advantage of the new technologies available.

Belden explained the Red Door Art Gallery came into existence primarily as a fund-raiser for the church to support its outreach efforts in the community. Episcopal churches are noted for red doors, whose color signifies the warmth of welcome.

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