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ARTISTS SURVEY : THE GREENBELT

March 4-11

Tuesday - 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. / Wednesday to Friday - 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. /Saturday - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday & Monday - Closed

Reception Friday March 5 6-9pm

Cultural Expressions Art Gallery

62 Old Kingston Road , Pickering Village Ajax, On.

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Art is seen by some to be part of just urban culture with little activity happening outside city boundaries . Artists Survey : The Greenbelt is an exhibition that is that proves this to be wrong .

What is the Greenbelt? Wrapping around the Golden Horseshoe , the Greenbelt is 1.8 million acres of potential to make Ontario a better place. Encompassing the Niagara Escarpment, The Oak Ridges Moraine, Rouge Park, hundreds of rural towns, and villages and some 7,000 farms, Ontario's Greenbelt is one of the largest and most diverse in the world

Gallery 1313 is the organizational partner of this exhibition. It is an artist-run centre exhibiting local, national and international contemporary art. Gallery 1313 supports emerging artists with professional development and career building opportunities, offers members a welcoming space to connect with colleagues, develop their practice, and contribute to the operations of the gallery, and engages the public with contemporary art exhibitions and cultural events through community outreach.

Gallery 1313 is a not-for-profit, charitable organization located in the Parkdale neighbourhood of downtown Toronto. The gallery's four unique exhibition spaces house over 70 exhibitions and many cultural events each year. The gallery is a vital contributor to making arts and culture accessible in Parkdale, providing much needed exhibition space for artists, critics, scholars, students and community organizations.

Cultural Expressions Art Gallery Cultural Expressions Art Gallery located in Ajax, Ontario, was established primarily to showcase the arts, in all its forms. This means local, national and international artists representing diverse ethnic and cultural communities of Canada.

The Gallery, in historic Pickering Village, offers a unique and exciting collection of paintings, wood and stone sculptures. It highlights both established and upcoming artists. Its collection offers home builders, corporations and public institutions one-of-a-kind accents for traditional and contemporary décor. The Gallery has been highlighting a diversity of local artists with special presentations. It contributes to making arts and culture accessible to the Durham Region by its on-site exhibits, and in such public spaces as libraries, municipal offices, and schools.

Durham is a very diverse cultural community, attracting residents of all ethnicities. The Gallery has been highlighting festive occasions of these communities. It has gained the ready support of local government, civic and business leaders, and the general public, all of whom attend its special functions.

In this exhibition 10 artists from areas in the Greenbelt have produced art that addresses some of the many challenges it faces and stresses the advantages of having a Greenbelt in Ontario . The artists

are from Guelph , Collingwood , St Catharines , Hamilton , Toronto and other regions of Ontario . Their art works together examine issues in areas of Ontario such as urban sprawl , environmental concerns about the air quality and food we eat . Artists are using a variety of media such as painting, sculpture, mixed media, photography, drawing and video to express their thoughts and concerns about this land.

Participating artists include Elizabeth Chitty, Michael Davey & Delwyn Higgins , Vid Ingelevics, Martha Eleen , Daniel Durocher, Jeremy Drummond, Irene Cymbal, Steve White, Warren Quigley and Brad Emsley.

The exhibition was curated by Patrick Macaulay , Head of Visual Arts at Harbourfront Centre and Phil Anderson , Director of Gallery 1313.. It will travel to three centres in the Greenbelt March 4th - 28th . The exhibition will be at Cultural Expressions Art Gallery from March 4th to the 11th. Details on upcoming exhibition locations to be announced.

This exhibition was made possible through the generous funding from the Friends of The Greenbelt Foundation as part of their celebrations of the 5th anniversary of Ontario s Greenbelt .

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