



Summer markets have begun. Most of them are new experiences for me, beginning as a guest vendor with the Rosseau Market last Friday. This is the first step towards being a full-time vendor at a very well-attended market. I will be there on at least two more occasions this summer.

Why do I participate in markets? It is because I have the opportunity to have conversation with many who are interested in my passion for painting. It is thrilling for me when such an exchange happens. Of course, there is also the opportunity for a purchase here and there, and the joy I feel when I imagine one of my paintings hanging on someone's wall in their home.

Yesterday I participated in Deerhurst's First Artisan Market, and I have included a picture (see below). It was a beautiful day with ten vendors gathered. I hope this will be the first of many opportunities to be at Deerhurst's beautiful venue.

Tomorrow on Canada Day I will be at the Dwight Farmers Market, a return from last summer's first market experience there. I will be in the same location as I was last year, with over seventy vendors participating. Then, on Friday, I will be at the Baysville Farmers Market ... again, a new experience for me. This first week is full of opportunities to speak to many who are interested in my painting ... I cherish every opportunity.

PS – I also have twenty-four paintings hanging at the Main Street Local Kitchen in Huntsville as part of the Huntsville Art Crawl.



During the winter, I received a request from Gloria for a commission. Gloria lives in Buffalo and her son, Jordan and new wife, Katy, are pictured here with their new painting. They were married near Huntsville this past December, and Gloria wanted to surprise them with the gift of a painting of where they stayed on South Portage Road in Huntsville.

Jordan and Katy, recently returning to the area, came to visit me at my Doigh Nadair studio. I presented them with Gloria's gift, and they loved it. Now they will have a very special memory of their wedding.

I have been busy painting commissions and paintings in preparation for the market season that is upon us. One morning (before bug season) I walked the 1.3 kilometre road from our place to Highway 60 ... a single lane path that meanders through the woods ... just beautiful. The early morning light was spectacular and I took many photos, painting a few of them. I have included two here for your viewing pleasure.



The first is called "Morning", 8x10 (this size is always the measurement of the paper ... the frame makes them larger). I was captured by the beam of light that shone through the foliage and I think I captured well the magic of that hour.



The second is called "Morning mist", 10x8. What can I say? You can sense the quiet serenity that I experienced on that morning walk. It was a great way to start the day, and I captured that extraordinary mist that was meandering amongst the trees.

Until next time ...



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