

ART IN THE HEART

July has been a wonderful month to enjoy Art in the Park at many locations in & around Oxford County. Colours in paintings seem to be more vibrant every year! The only downside is that so many locations have their Art in the Park on the same weekend. The weekend of July 8 & 9 was showing art from Goderich to Dorchester. But, you still can enjoy Stratford's artists' creations on Wednesdays, Saturdays & Sundays from 10am-5pm (weather permitting) until Oct 1. They show along Lakeside Drive by the river. You will see bowls & other shapes in fine wood-form after being released from trees that used to be. Jewellery glistens from sunlight dancing over or through its finely polished arcs. Paintings in all sizes are ready with frames or packaged so that you choose the frames that will embrace them.

In London this summer there is a display of 'fine art' in Springbank Park off of Boler Rd. This is one show I haven't seen yet but will have by the time you are reading this. The artists are there Saturdays and/or Sundays, depending on the weather. They are set up from late morning into late afternoon. Studio Tours are still happening in Sept & Oct.

If you know of any other local art in the parks happening please let me know so that I can track down the times & dates for next year. These leisurely summer days of August are perfect for capturing those artistic scenes with your camera too. And just to take advantage of the summer light: shoot them again but from 2 different angles. This will give you different shadows & perspectives from the same image. I'm sure you have seen those paintings of the treetops from below, well why not capture some of your own. And don't leave them in your camera gathering pixel dust, put them on a thumb drive & have the best ones printed. Now you have images to paint from. Perhaps you may even enjoy your photographs enough to frame them & for your walls!

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