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Mississauga native Pat Bond will demonstrate her experimental art style Saturday at the Clarkson-Lorne Park Library.

### ***Clarkson artist Pat Bond***

## **Very different, indeed**

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A visit to the Clarkson-Lorne Park Library tomorrow (Saturday) could provide some insight into the unorthodox work of Lorne Park artist Pat Bond.

Certainly, the library is a much tamer venue for an art show than the Lakeview Salvage and Wrecking yard, where Bond, 48, exhibited her paintings last summer.

The artist will be on hand Saturday at the library, demonstrating her experimental art style from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The long-time Lorne Park resident and Mississauga native admits she's intrigued by things that are old and a little worn around the edges. She likes a good mystery.

"I've always loved things that look like they have a bit of history," said Bond.

That's evident in the 31 pieces Bond has on display in her latest show, dubbed, *Signs Of Life*, that runs to the end of the month.

The works are done in acrylics on pieces of weathered plywood. The works employ items most of us would call junk.

Bond often finds her creative material at the salvage yard.

At the same time, Bond is keen not to develop a reputation as the artist in the junkyard.

For the mother of two adult children, it's all about artistic expression.

Bond was born in a Brampton but grew up on a small farm on Camilla Rd. She took up oil painting as a teen under the tutelage of her grandmother.

She had given up her craft to raise her family, before attending the Ontario College of Art at age 40.

As for her latest show, the artist likes painting on plywood because it lacks formality.

"Plywood is layered and life is like that," said the artist. "There are always meanings under meanings."

"My work speaks of finding hope in the midst of despair, of joy in spite of sorrow and of finding life in the face of death."

The paintings in the *Signs Of Life* show include unusual items such as a peach pit, a bean and a bird's nest.

The Clarkson-Lorne Park Library is located at 1474 Truscott Dr.