

DUTTON, Hazel March 27th, 1994 MN

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Peaceful, easy feelings...Port Credit artist Hazel Dutton displayed her work at the opening of her first solo exhibit. Her show at the Valhalla Inn art gallery, located on Valhalla Inn Rd. off The East Mall at Burnhamthorpe Rd. and Hwy 427. runs until April 15.

Solo show a first for Hazel

Vibrant colors and distinct mood tones dominate Port Credit artist Hazel Dutton's landscapes, people and floral watercolors to create spiritually uplifting and peaceful paintings.

"I like to paint, mostly, for harmony and beauty," Dutton said at the opening of her first solo out-of-home exhibit at the Valhalla Inn Art Gallery. Her show will continue until April 15 at the Inn, located on Valhalla Inn Rd. off of The East Mall at Burnhamthorpe Rd. and Hwy. 427.

People often hang her paintings in their bedroom, Dutton said, because they are peaceful and cheery.

"That makes me feel so good. That's why I paint. It keeps me going."

A little cafe scene in Quebec titled *Cafe Rue, Morin Heights, P.Q.* and a floral depicting a basket of purple flowers next to a china cup and plate titled *Gathering Autumn Sunshine* are two of her favorites. It's the color and mood of the sec-

ond painting that draws Dutton to it. The first one she painted on the sly, capturing the lazy elegance of a couple enjoying the sunshine at an outdoor cafe.

She loves painting still lifes where she's able to change and manipulate her subject.

"I don't do portraits because I like to have artistic freedom," she said. "In still life you can do your own thing."

She also loves to paint street scenes. Invariably, the atmosphere of the day creeps into the painting.

From Montreal, Dutton moved to Mississauga 10 years ago and joined the Humber Valley Art Club, where she developed a passion for watercolors — previously she worked with oils.

Gallery hours are from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Mississauga's Anne Proulx, art co-ordinator of the exhibit, is choosing the year's line up of artists and can be reached at 822-8101.