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Former councillor opens new exhibit at Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery

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Shelburne residents can challenge themselves to see the limitless interpretations of art with the latest exhibit at the Town of Shelburne Art Gallery.

Lynda Buffett, a local realtor and former council member, will have her works of art on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery from March 11 until March 29, in an exhibit titled ?Limitless Impressions?.

Born in Toronto, Buffett's interest in art began at an early age through classes in public school. Buffett's parents, who she describes as ?creative types? encouraged her to continue with her art and she has done so well into her adult life.

Over her more than 20 years of living in the Shelburne community, Buffett has looked for new ways to experiment with her art, including attending many workshops and artist retreats, where she explores new creative techniques to broaden her art repertoire.

Buffett has had a number of her pieces displayed and sold at various art shows in Toronto and studio tours within Dufferin County.

Starting off as a realistic painter in her earlier works, Buffett eventually moved into more abstract pieces as a way to challenge her creative abilities. Her pieces are often inspired by realistic subjects, images, or photographs that have drawn her attention. She distorts them until they no longer look realistic.

?It provides me with an ability to do something on a more creative basis, I'm not reproducing something. To me a realistic painting is attractive, but you can get the same result with a camera. I like to express myself in a different way through abstract painting, and create more of a mood or visual totally different from the ordinary,? said Buffett.

Buffett currently sits as chair of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee for the Town of Shelburne and spoke about the significance of the gallery in exposing the community to local artists and their works.

?There's a lot of very creative people out there, many of which we don't even know about yet. The more exposure for the gallery, the more opportunity for people that have moved into the town to get involved. It's helping to bring out a lot more creativity within the community and it's nice to provide a balanced community.?

Buffett's exhibit ?Limitless Impressions? will be on display at the Shelburne Town Hall Art Gallery until the end of March. An opening reception for the exhibit is scheduled for March 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

?It'd be nice to see a lot of people there. [If you] want something to do for half an hour, stop by and have a look,? said Buffett.