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March 8 at 5 PM:

Annual celebration of the **International Women's Day** (IWD) at *Chancery Art Gallery* downtown Bracebridge, ON (Muskoka)

Step by and share your favorite

- Poetry
- Music
- Film
- Art

dedicated to Women, Love and Spring...

A highlight of the 2014 IWD celebration will be presentation by a renowned musician, educator and researcher

Beverlie Robertson

of her book

"With Knowing Eyes: Canadian Women in Song"



On the gallery display – annual exhibition "Women - First" (March 8 – May 9) by international fine artists Michel BEAUDOIN, Mikhail GUBIN, Hawa KABA, John KOKKINOS, Valeria MRAVYAN, Soso NADIRADZE, Yevgenia NAYBERG, Dragan SHEX, and Leon SORIANO

"The only possible teacher except torture is fine art" Bernard Shaw The Doctor's Dilemma

From the Freudian view, arts derive from the same source as fantasies and dreams, and have the same purpose - to reduce tension in the soul. This applies to both creation and perception of the art, regardless of modality painting, sculpture, literature, music, dance, etc. Thus, in some respects artists are not special like the rest of us, they have the same narcissistic desires and fantasies, rather shameful to share under our cultural restraints But unlike us, artists have a very special gift - they are able to exhibit their fantasies in a skilful, camouflaged way, and to attract us first with the external, formal side of their work. It traps us, provoking a preliminary, properly aesthetic pleasure, turning our internal "censor" off guard. And then, it enables us to enjoy our own deep prohibited fantasies projected on the art - without shame and self-blame, with revealing catharsis. How are artists able to do this? It's their mystic secret: it's art.

"..The one thing which may in some degree reconcile the cultured person with life – scientific and artistic enjoyment..." Eduard von Hartmann Philosophy of the Unconscious

Chancery Art Gallery is a commercial gallery which offers solo and group exhibitions of contemporary fine art and acts as the artist's agent with exclusivity limited to Muskoka district of Ontario, Canada.

The gallery is affiliated with a psychology office on premises – www.PrivateCounseling.ca
Occasionally, for "artist-in-crisis" a psychological consultation is offered *pro-bono*.

The gallery's mission:
"Piece of pie to the artists,
Peace of mind to the rest of us"

Dr. Lena Kolobow owner & director

Dr. Paul Ivanoff

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