

September 13 – October 7, 2017
at *Chancery Art Gallery*
in downtown Bracebridge, ON

“Watermark”

solo exhibition by
Pat FAIRHEAD

Reception:
Thursday, September 14, 5-8 PM



announcement postcard (available in the gallery)
© 1967 by Pat FAIRHEAD. *Four Dishwashers*. Watercolour on paper, 9" x 12"

Born in 1927 in Yorkshire, England, Pat came to Toronto as a child. Now a prominent Canadian artist and educator, she is elected member of the *Royal Canadian Academy of Art* and member of the *Arts & Letters Club of Toronto*. Her work can be seen in Windsor Castle, many private and over 200 corporate collections around the world.

Find more at
www.PatFairhead.ca

*"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
curator

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