

Colours in Black and White now presented at Alton Mill

Headwaters Arts is presenting its newest show, Colours in Black and White, by member John Geeza.

Geeza grew up in a devastated landscape. Deep coal mining bored tunnels under the earth, then strip mining continued its damage. The oak hemlock forests were gone, in their place, mountains of slag in which nothing grew, and a population in which mine accidents and then black lung eroded health, resilience and hope.

Some how, he found pockets of wildness that had escaped destruction ? groves of hemlock and birch by rippling streams that nourished his body and soul. It is through this that he has determined that his paintings are not to literally represent the subject, whether ?landscape? or ?figurative,? but to produce an image that conveys the felt experience of that subject, an experience which carries emotional components.

Visit the Headwaters Arts Gallery in Alton Mill Arts Centre to see this exceptional show.

The show runs until Sept. 10. Meet Geeza at the opening reception Aug. 12, between 1 and 4 p.m.