

Latest Headwaters Arts show inspired by the beauty of spring

'Rejuvenation' runs until April 21 at the Alton Mill Arts Centre

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Local artists are looking forward to spring with works created for Headwaters Arts' latest exhibition.

On March 20, the non-profit arts organization launched its third show of the year, titled 'Rejuvenation'.

Sue Powell, Marketing Chair of the Headwaters Arts board, said the works on display at the show are unique, vibrant and colourful. She said artists were asked to interpret the 'brushing away of winter' and the exciting new possibilities of spring.

'Each work celebrates the opportunity for change, resulting in the emergence of the creative spirit,' said Powell.

Joanne Lomas is one of the artists whose work is on display at the exhibition. She said her acrylic painting, 'Sunny Day', plays with a light and airy exploration of line and colour.

'The expressive lines create an energy that I feel during the first weeks of spring, and an excitement for what the new season will bring,' said Lomas. 'With fresh clean colours on a white background, I reflect on the idea of growing buds on spring plants beginning their new life out of the starkness of the snow.'

Alan Bain's watercolour painting, 'Welcome Spring Melt', is another of the works on display at the show. Bain said spring is the best time of the year to paint.

'The clear views, uncluttered by leaves, new bright greens and the last pads of snow for contrast, and no bugs, speaks to the loveliness of the season, so perfect, so fleeting,' said Bain.

Artist Joana Iturriaga created a sculpture for the Rejuvenation exhibition called 'Blank Canvas Music Box'.

'My sculpture is a music box with a black canvas, a rejuvenation of an artist that reinvents herself with every new challenge and every new canvas,' said Iturriaga.

Rejuvenation is on display until April 21 in the Headwaters Arts Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre (1402 Queen Street West). An opening reception for the exhibition is being held from 1 to 3 p.m. on March 23.