

Visit Olde Mill Gallery, meet artists, support humanitarian cause

By Mark Pavilons

A gem of a co-operative gallery awaits in historic Schomberg. Original works by Ernestine Tahedl and Helen Lucas are up for sale at Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe on Main Street. Proceeds go to aid a humanitarian mission to Rwanda by a university student. Money raised will support University of Western student Alexandria (Lexie) Hesketh-Pavilons, who will be doing volunteer mission work in Kigali, Rwanda through the university's interdisciplinary experiential learning course. She will engage in five weeks of active and interactive community service, working with Rwandan youth. She will be an ambassador of not only Western University, but of Canada. Hesketh-Pavilons visited the gallery Saturday, meeting with artists and members of the public. She outlined the purpose of her upcoming adventure and the issues facing Rwandans. The pieces of art will remain at the gallery for the silent auction, over the next couple of weeks. Stop by and see the display, and browse through the amazing collection of art from some of the area's most talented artists. Meet the artists and enjoy shopping locally at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe at 357 Main Street in Schomberg. You will discover one of a kind pieces of art including jewellery, paintings, scarves, greeting cards, wood turned bowls and vases as well as small tables and stools. The Olde Mill Gallery & Shoppe values and supports local artists. Located right beside the Scruffy Duck, the gallery is open Thursdays to Sundays from 12 to 6 p.m. If you can't make it to the gallery, find out more about Lexie's efforts at <https://www.gofundme.com/help-local-volunteer-help-others-in-rwanda> If you need more on the paintings, email mpavilons@rogers.com