

Inuit visit, Furey exhibit on tap

Two visitors from the north and an exhibit by one of Hamilton's more established artists highlight the local arts scene this week.

Today from 10 am to noon, two Inuit artists from the community of Pangnirtung will be visiting the McNaught Gallery/Arctic Experience Gallery on James Street South. The event is of an extensive tour of southern Canada.

This visit is in celebration of the 2003 Pangnirtung Community Print Collection, which marks the 30th anniversary of printmaking in that community.

Andrew Qappik and Jolly Atagooyuk will be accompanied by Peter Wilson, the general manager of the print shop. The annual collection of prints opened June 10.

More information on the event is available at

www.uqurmiut.com/Printshop.html and www.uqurmiut.com.

The other event this week is the opening reception tomorrow of the latest exhibit by well-known Hamilton artist Conrad Furey at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. It will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The exhibition, curated by the AGH's Shirley Madill, features 14 recent Furey works.

The exhibit continues until Aug. 31.

Furey is well known for his painterly and captivating scenes of human activity.

He was born in Newfoundland but has lived and worked in Hamilton for more than 20 years.

His works feature bold colours and strong lines and expose colourful visions of life by capturing people in their everyday work and

leisure.

He also easily lends his brush to landscapes.

Some of his murals long graced the brick walls of some downtown businesses, helping make his work known to even those who do not follow the local art scene.

Furey has favoured acrylic painting in his career and many of his works are inspired by his childhood on The Rock.

Furey has also branched out most recently to do well-received set designs for plays at The Tivoli theatre

For more information contact the AGH at (905) 527-6610 or on line at ww.artgallery-ofhamilton.com

Hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Admission is free.



Conrad Furey's art focuses on everyday people.