

student artist will showcase her funky wearable

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The biannual Beach Studio Tour is giving a young local artist an opportunity to exhibit her work at one of the event's studios.

Sheila Horton, a first-year student at the Ontario College of Art and Design, will showcase her funky wearable art at Ruth Elizabeth Hayes' Fernwood Park Avenue studio.

"She's just very, very talented," said Hayes. Horton has taken Hayes' watercolour painting classes. "It's a new experience for her. This gives students a opportunity to exhibit." Hayes said that one guest student artist would likely be welcomed into the tour each session. "We want to connect with the schools as we integrate this into the tour," she added.

The Beach Studio Tour will run Friday, May 2 from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year's showcase will feature a total of 22 artisans and Horton showcasing their artwork and handicrafts at 15 local studios. Visit www.beachstudiotour.ca or call 416-699-4358 for more details.

Beach Studio Tour Spring 2008 Artisans:

- Lara Bazant (jewelry), Kathie Davidson (photographs), 143 Wineva Ave.
- Gill Birol (jewelry), Olga Kotova (paintings), 46 Sarah Ashbridges Dr.
- Jennifer Cline (paintings), 70 Hammersmith Ave.
- Lucille Crighton (hand-woven fashions), John Dowding (photographs), 92 Balsam Ave.
- Karen Franzen (ceramics), Dianne Shelton (paintings), 3 Wembley Dr.
- Karen Leslie Hall (paintings), Lezlie Winemaker (lamp glass beads), 164 Neville Park Blvd.
- Ruth Elizabeth Hayes, (paintings), Sheila Horton (student guest artist - fashions), 17 Fernwood Park Ave.
- Pat Hymas (paintings), 250 Glen Manor Dr. W.
- Theresa Maxwell (paintings), 162 Neville Park Blvd.
- Dorothy Mould (paintings), 93 Balsam Ave.
- Brian Phillips (paintings), 78 Wineva Ave.
- Anya Romanenko (paintings), 23 1/2 Balsam Ave.
- Jane Saracino (handbags), Sheila Thompson (textile art, felt), 343 Waverly Rd.

-Eva Skierska (paintings), 139 Willow Ave.

-Nathalie Vachon (paintings), 220 Lee Ave.