

Siemens set to take part in Studio Tour

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NORTHUMBERLAND — Port Hope artist Dorothy Siemens is looking forward to participating in the Northumberland Hills Studio Tour for the first time.

The multi-talented artist moved to 9 Trafalgar St. from Toronto last year.

During an interview about the popular upcoming tour Siemens said she has been an artist all her life.

Formally trained, she initially worked as a graphic designer and illustrator before opening her own business creating knitting patterns, but during the last three years, she said, she has made fine art her vocation.

Once settled in the county, Siemens looked around at ways to get involved in the arts community and decided she was ready to participate by opening up her home / studio space to visitors during the Northumberland Hills Studio Tour, which will take place Sept. 13 and 14.

This is the 19th year for the event, in which artists across Northumberland who do pottery, paint, glass work, carve, sculpt, print and work with fibre open their working locations for free to the public to share both their work and how they do it.

"The route provides a wander through the rolling Northumberland Hills and historic towns of Port Hope, Cobourg and

Grafton, leading to some unique locations," states a media release about the event.

"A familiar face from last year's tour is Ed Hagedorn whose studio is located in his circa 1853 octagonal home. For Ed, this past year has been one of exploration in his art and the varied styles that have emerged will likely allow for the type of questions and thought provoking conversations that he enjoyed during last year's tour," the release states.

"Another familiar face on the tour is Christine Benson, a veteran of a remarkable 13 years! Christine was still a student at The Ontario College of Art and Design when she first began to participate on the Northumberland Hills Studio Tour and her linocut work is always evolving as she expands into more colour and collage elements."

Details about each of the many tour artists and their work are easily accessed online at www.northumberlandstudiotour.ca.

Siemens said she is looking forward to sharing her living / studio space with its wonderful views of Lake Ontario and ravine topography with visitors. They will see abstract acrylics, clay, sculptures and jewelry.

"There will be quite a variety of items for them to enjoy," including some work in progress, she said.

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Dorothy Siemens will be opening her studio to visitors during the 19th annual Northumberland Hills Studio Tour in September.