



DURHAM WEST ARTS CENTRE

January, 2006

Mad Potters' Tea Party

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"The table was a large one, but the three were all crowded together at one corner of it: 'No room! No room! They cried out when they saw Alice coming.' There's plenty of room!" said Alice indignantly, and she sat down in a large arm-chair at one end of the table." Lewis Carroll

There's plenty of room at the Durham West Arts Centre between Jan. 23 and Mar. 17, 2006 as The Durham Potters Guild displays fantasy tea pots. A tea pot morphed into the shape of a hen by Deanna Jones and another inviting you to read a ceramic "Secret Garden" by Lela Filipowski set the tone of whimsy and fun that the potters embraced for this special exhibition. The opening night is Jan 26 between 7-9 p.m. "We wanted to warm up the winter months with some fun and fantasy," says exhibition curator April Polak. "We'll also display watercolours of tea cups by Shelley Beach which will be complimented by a tea cup display. Rounding it all out will be some vintage hats as an homage to Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter and teaching panels about the history of tea in various cultures. There will be something for everyone."

Teachers may wish to book free tours to learn about tea and the teapot which was first developed in China in the 16th century; by special arrangement, seniors may book afternoon teas for groups up to ten (call 905-686-7697). During March Break 2006 there will be a Story Time and a Children's Tea Party where children will make their own hats. Sign up details for the March Break will be available at www.dvac.ca in the New Year.

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