

## Local Artists Team Up with Oakfield Golf & Country Club



Monika Wright (left), Chef Luis Clavel, Andrea Pottyondy

ArtSpa, a group of artists in Nova Scotia, have come together regularly to share a love of art making since 2006. The artists work on their own projects, and through this group, they can step out of their studios and enjoy the company of other creative minds once a week. Catherine McMillan, a founding member of ArtSpa, once said, “Art making is better than a day at the Spa,” which formed the group’s name.

Oakfield Golf & Country Club (Oakfield) supports the Nova Scotia community, and therefore, have paired up with the members of ArtSpa to display their artwork—specifically in Laurie’s Diner & Lounge (Laurie’s) at Oakfield. Andrea Pottyondy and Monika Wright had the pleasure of visiting Laurie’s recently, and were served a gourmet lunch by International Award Winner, Chef Luis Clavel. The artists discussed their passion of creating art and what inspires them, as well as how the artwork will fit in with Oakfield. They are excited for Laurie’s to be featuring their paintings, and they hope for Oakfield’s members and guests to bring one home, as there is something for everyone.

“The environment and my surroundings influences my art. I love to paint florals that represent emotion and seascapes. I believe that making art is a journey, and that you grow with your art,” Pottyondy expressed about her craft. “Come to Laurie’s to treat your palate as well as your visual palette, whether it be the art or the beautiful golf course.”

“My art is more spontaneous and stems from by what is happening in the world, and my intuitive response. The colour speaks louder than the image,” is the way that Wright describes her artwork.

Both artists have various elements that inspire them on a day-to-day basis, and they want to showcase that with the people of Oakfield. They hope to sell some of ArtSpa’s work and that it will give as much joy to Oakfield as it does to them. Laurie’s is open to anyone and everyone, as Oakfield aspires to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere at the club. ArtSpa is just the beginning of new things to come at Oakfield Golf & Country Club.

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