

Mystifying Images Made from Simple Materials

Ron Shuebrook: Drawings
March 7 to April 26, 2015

February 26, 2015 – Kelowna, BC: Will visitors to the new exhibition at the Kelowna Art Gallery get into heated arguments about what the charcoal drawings represent? Some people might see tubular bells, others might see a maze for a lab rat, or a pinball machine. Or maybe we are looking at an interpretation of an engineering schematic. Don't worry, you are all right!

This solo show by senior Canadian artist Ron Shuebrook will offer Okanagan audiences the opportunity to view a selection of charcoal drawings that are actually abstracts. Included will be four new large pieces created specifically for us. *Ron Shuebrook: Drawings* will be on view at the Kelowna Art Gallery from March 7 to April 26, 2015.

Shuebrook's drawings are rich and tactile and are exciting in their scope and breadth of reference and allusion. His practice spans several decades and his roots are in mid-twentieth-century modernism.

Shuebrook has had a long career in Canada, having first arrived here to live in 1970. In addition to his work in drawing, Shuebrook is an accomplished abstract painter. He divides his time between Guelph, Ontario, and a summer home and studio in Nova Scotia.

This exhibition has been organized by the Thames Art Gallery (Chatham, Ontario) in collaboration with the Kelowna Art Gallery, Macdonald Stewart Art Centre in Guelph, Ontario, the Mt Saint Vincent University Art Gallery in Halifax, and the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa, Ontario. The guest curator for the show is John Kissick, a nationally recognized painter who teaches at the University of Guelph, in Ontario. The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue with texts by Kissick, and artists David Urban, and Melanie Authier.

An opening reception to celebrate this exhibition will be held on Friday, March 6, from 7 to 9 pm, at the Kelowna Art Gallery. This is a free event, open to Gallery members and guests, by invitation. The artist will be in attendance.

A series of Quick Talks will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 3 pm, which will feature artist Ron Shuebrook. He will be joined by a panel of local artists to explore the question, "What is the place for drawing in the post-skills, post-post-modern art world we inhabit?" This event is free and open to the public.

The Kelowna Art Gallery is located at 1315 Water Street in downtown Kelowna. For more information about current exhibitions, public programming or special events, please visit the Kelowna Art Gallery online at www.kelownaartgallery.com or call 250-762-2226.

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