

Walking In My Mother's Shoes Review May 8/9 2010

Close to 150 people enjoyed the 4th annual Walking In My Mother's Shoes event at The Rosseau on Mother's Day weekend.





Maria Duncalf Barber and Lyla Commandant opened and closed the event with beautiful blessings. Lyla also celebrated a special birthday with help from all of the guests. Krysia Bower's original creation continues to grow.



Leah Leslie did a beautiful job as Mistress of Ceremonies and it was really nice to have Kim Cadra as part of the team. Neil Long was also a great resource. More chairs were brought in to accommodate additional guests on Saturday evening and the whole exhibition was moved upstairs to the ballroom and set up for Spirit Painting on Sunday. Our thanks to the Marriott team.

On Saturday guests enjoyed the art exhibition and Grandmothers to Grandmothers jewelry on a cold and snowy! afternoon and an evening of poetry, songs and readings with the coffee, tea and pastries.



Ruth Wagner was one of the special entertainers and wove her beautiful violin solos into the tapestry.

Krycia Bower, who initiated the idea for such an event, and who lead the hands-on workshops, said, "We had a terrific response for the spirit painting on Sunday. It was so, so , so busy... they painted up a storm.... good fun and some beautiful paintings.. one family of 5 children really painted up a storm.... enough for a gallery.... i felt that the event was a great success and was particularly happy with the number of guest resort people and local community members who dropped in."

So we know for next year that we need more volunteers on Sunday. Grandmothers to Grandmothers should be featured on the poster and donations to ACOM for Mother's Shoes need to be better promoted. We should get specific committee volunteers to more evenly distribute the workload. We should have anticipated more volunteer help for the change over from the Port Sandfield Room to reset the displays in the Ballroom.



Maria Duncalf Barber sent the following email "My dear friends Krysia and Gayle, how are you today, hoping you had a good day. Here are photos from Sunday, I enjoyed the hours I spent there with you Krysia, thanks. I love Spirit Painting. Great that it all went well Saturday, lots of people there. I honour all you did over the weekend; you are both an amazing assets to our community. Saturday and Sunday was a great success, you deserve a great pat on the back, all that wonderful networking, it is always great working with you, let me know what else you would like me to do for next year, and any other time. Have a lovely week and rest you both deserve it, you work hard, thanks my friends. Many many thanks and blessings to you. Maria"

All and all it was a very successful event and everyone is already talking about next year.