



'Consider the Figure' on exhibit in Exeter

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EXETER | "Consider the Figure," the Exeter Arts Committee's fall show, invites viewers to take a fresh look at the human condition through the eyes of three talented Seacoast artists.

Works by Janet Nina Carlson, Albina Colden and Lorna DeVries will be on display in the Exeter Town Hall art gallery from September 16 through October 21. The gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m.; an opening reception will be held there on Friday, September 15 at 7 p.m.

DeVries, an oil painter with a studio in Kingston, will display two series of paintings. Her "Bridal"

theme looks not at the traditional blushing bride but at the strength that women bring to life's opportunities. One painting features a 76-year-old woman with (in Latin) the legend: "Life's too short to dance with ugly men."

DeVries' other series looks at different forms of oppression through images of "Societal Sacrifice." She is a fine arts graduate of Salem State College in Massachusetts.

Janet Nina Carlson of North Hampton will exhibit oil paintings of the elderly she encountered in a local nursing home, showing them in a variety of situations from nostalgia to Bingo. They are,

she says, a reminder that older people are not to be tucked away but to be appreciated for the fascinating stories their lives still tell.

The "Nursing Home Series" was part of Carlson's bachelor of fine arts thesis at the University of New Hampshire. She will also display monotype prints made with gelatin plates.

Albina Colden of Rye is a painter and printmaker. Born in the USSR, raised in New England and having lived for a number of years in the United Kingdom, she derives her themes from her rich but often dissonant experiences across these cultures.

Colden graduated from the University of Pennsylvania,

holds a PhD in psychology from the University of Cambridge, England, and is currently a postdoctoral research fellow in the center for cognitive neuroscience at Dartmouth College.

"Consider the Figure" will be on display in Exeter town hall's upstairs art gallery, accessible by elevator on the side of the building facing the nearby church steeple. The exhibition, part of the Exeter Arts Committee's year-round program, is open to the public free of charge.

The Exeter Arts Committee is appointed by the town's board of selectmen. For more information, call the town office at (603) 778-0591 write exeterarts@comcast.net.

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Generic Theater presents 'Over the Tavern'

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KITTERY, ME | Generic Theater will present a reading of Tom Duzick's "Over the Tavern" on Tuesday, September 12, at 7 p.m. at Kittery's Rice Public Library. This event is free and open to the public.

Back in June, Generic Theatre read Duzick's cheerful black comedy, "King o' the Moon," about the engagingly

dysfunctional Pazinski family. Having since learned it's the middle play of a trilogy in progress, Generic Theatre hunted up Duzick's "Over the Tavern."

This is a group portrait of the Pazinskis in 1959, when long-suffering mom Ellen and hard-luck dad Chet try, against odds, to deal with their kids' problems: Eddie's sexual torments, Annie's bat-

les with self-image, mentally-challenged Georgie's linguistic misadventures, and free-thinking Rudy's ill-advised theological debates with a nun who favors corporal punishment. Generic Theatre invites the public to join them to learn how - in fact, whether - the Pazinskis manage to survive their adolescence.

The Rice Public Library's

main building is located on Wentworth Street just past Kittery's downtown Wallingford Square and the entrance to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. After passing the (only) traffic light there, take an immediate right into the parking lot adjacent to the library's basement. The reading will be held in the Kay Howells Room in the basement.

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