



The HHS Medical Staff Association Newsletter

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# THE MUSE

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## Celebration of Excellence

HAMILTON HEALTH SCIENCES  
**Medical Staff Association  
 Annual Dinner & Awards  
 2013**

Friday June 14  
 at the  
 Art Gallery of Hamilton



Garden Rec



The Medical Staff Association is honoured to announce the MSA Awards Recipients for 2013

**Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award**  
**Dr. Richard H. Hunt**  
 Department of Medicine, Gastroenterology

**The MSA President's Award for Distinguished Long Service**

**Dr. Edward Dore**  
 Department of Surgery

**Dr. Desmond Kwok**  
 Department of Surgery

**Dr. Chitra Rao**  
 Laboratory Medicine

**Dr. Irene D. Turpie**  
 Department of Medicine

**Outstanding Resident/Fellow Awards**

**Junior**

- Dr. Julia Frei - PGY2 Pediatrics
- Dr. Erin Hanley - PGY2 Psychiatry
- Dr. Jennifer Ruzhynsky - PGY2 Psychiatry

**Senior**

- Dr. Julie Arsenault - PGY5 Radiation Oncology
- Dr. Lindsay Crabbe - PGY5 Internal Medicine
- Dr. Stephanie Fedak-Tarnopolsky - PGY5 PM&R
- Dr. Andrew Heikkila - PGY4 Anesthesia

**Fellows**

- Dr. Osama Al-Shaya - Orthopedic Oncology
- Dr. Siwar Albashir - Gastroenterology
- Dr. David Dawe - Medical Oncology

*The Event of the Year is here.....  
 Friday June 14 6:00 pm  
 at the Art Gallery of Hamilton*

**The MSA gives back.....Hamilton Health Sciences hospitals receive 3 Group of Seven prints donated to the Juravinski, MUMC and General hospitals by the Medical Staff Association.....**

**Presented to CEO Murray Martin by the MSA President, Dr. Frank Baillie at the General Business Meeting and 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Medical Staff Art Show at the Hamilton Golf & Country Club on January 24, 2013.**



**Upper left "Algoma Hill" by Lauren Harris**

**Lower left "Beaver Swamp" by Lauren Harris**

**Right "Passing Storm" by A J Casson**

## Annual MSA Charitable Donations 2013

This year, the Medical Staff Association donated \$5,000 each to 2 worthy organizations that provide vital services to those in need in our community:

**The Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health and Wellwood at Juravinski Cancer Centre.**

### The Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health

The 2013 MSA Annual Donation of \$5,000 was awarded to the HCNH in response to Dr. Tim O'Shea's nomination letter outlining the Centre's need for funding and for volunteers in the face of serious government cutbacks to refugee healthcare coverage.



L-R: Hodan Ali, Director, HCNH, Dr. Timothy O'Shea, Internal Medicine, Nominator and Volunteer at HCNH, and Presenter MSA President, Dr. Frank Baillie



Hodan Ali thanked the MSA for the donation on behalf of all HCNH staff who donate long hours at the Centre to provide excellent care for all refugees who come through the doors at 183 Hughson St. South.

Medical Staff, who volunteer their time, donate any OHIP billing back to the Centre to help provide the necessary funds to keep the doors open. One major contributor, Dr. David Chan, has donated a complete network, OSCAR software, computers and printers. Others have provided desks, medical equipment and other furnishings. (See full details in the winter edition of The MUSE).

### Wellwood at Juravinski Cancer Centre

Dr. Wesley Stephen, Chief of the Department of Surgery, nominated Wellwood for the Annual MSA donation, outlining the long-standing and varied support services that Wellwood offers cancer patients and families during their cancer treatment.



L-R: Jane George, Executive Director, Wellwood, Dr. Wesley Stephen, Nominator, and Presenter Dr. Frank Baillie, MSA President,

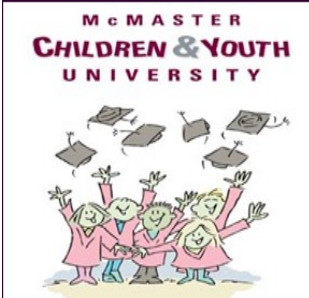


Wellwood's Director, Jane George, offered a brief history of the Wellwood Cancer Support Centre from the early days in 1998 when it was founded in recognition of the need for psychological, emotional and spiritual needs of patients facing cancer and their families, to the present time, with recent updates to the Centre to accommodate the increasing demand for the numerous services that the Centre offers free-of-charge. In 2010 Wellwood's community site, Juravinski House opened its doors and offers new supportive initiatives in partnership with community programs. Jane thanked the MSA for the generous donation of \$5,000, particularly meaningful, as Wellwood does not receive government funding.



## The Department of Pediatrics at McMaster University's MCYU pilot project for children is an over-the-top success!

No need to wait for evidence-based data, just check out the smiles on the faces of the first McMaster Children & Youth University (MCYU) 'graduating' class 2011.



MCYU founders (class photo, top left and right), Dr. Katrin Scheinemann and Dr. Sandeep Raha, with inaugural class of MCYU students who received 'graduation' certificates in 2012 for their excellent attendance, participation and enthusiasm for learning.



Dr. Katrin Scheinemann  
and  
Dr. Sandeep Raha.

In 2010, MSA member **Dr. Katrin Scheinemann**, Department of Pediatrics, Assistant Professor, Division of Hematology & Oncology, partnered with **Dr. Sandeep Raha**, Department of Pediatrics, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Research, to develop a pilot project, the first of its kind in Canada, designed to create a stimulating learning environment in a university setting for children 7-14 years of age. The McMaster Children and Youth University (MCYU) launched in 2011, is patterned after the successful European **Children's University** model initiated in Germany in 2002, which has since expanded to over 200 children's university programs throughout Europe and the US. The MCYU fits under the mission of the European Children University network, and has received a grant for a mentoring associate partnership with the Children University in Tuebingen. Dr. Scheinemann will attend the Estonia Conference in April as this is a SiS catalyst conference.

The MCYU, offering one-hour lectures taught by professors from varied McMaster University departments, has received such enthusiastic participation from parents and kids that

in 2012, a move to a larger lecture hall was necessary to accommodate the growing attendance. Since then, MCYU continues to grow and flourish, expanding the program to include post-lecture activities and special science fair projects.

Drs. Scheinemann and Raha were delighted with the response. Dr. Raha writes, "The strong positive response of the community to our MCYU lectures has been very encouraging. Over the course of this year, the program has continued to grow. We have established an association with the Let's Talk Science - McMaster student chapter, to deliver post-lecture interactive activities provides an experiential learning opportunity for our young attendees and engages their interests in further exploring MCYU experience."

At first glance, it might appear to be a near impossible task for a university professor to capture the attention of up to 300 energized kids for a whole hour on a Saturday morning. So what happens at MCYU that keeps kids in their seats and engaged in the lecture? Agreeably, the main ingredient is children's natural love of learning, but when coupled with the enthusiasm, warmth and creativity of the professors, who skillfully adapt their subject material to capture and sustain the interest of young children with a mixture

of fact and humour, drama and interactive participation, this vibrant combination provides for an engaging and memorable learning experience.

Here's a couple of snapshots from two of this term's lectures that MCYU kids (and their parents) aren't likely to forget. In September of 2012, renown historian and author, **Dr. Viv Nelles**, brought a dark period in Canadian history to life with his child-sensitive lecture that, while fact-filled, was presented in such a way that kids and parents alike were quietly intrigued one minute and belly-laughing the next. Read on to find out how a little humour and theatre helped to create an age-appropriate lesson in Canadian history.



**Dr. Viv Nelles, historian and author of best-seller *A Little History of Canada***

The lecture hall, filled with the buzz and chatter of young children, fell silent when Dr. Nelles strode to the podium carrying an overstuffed suitcase and announced that he had brought the War of 1812 with him, inside the suitcase. He proceeded to ask permission from the class to open the suitcase, with a dire warning that unknown horrors might be awaiting escape after being locked away for 100 years. Entirely undaunted, a sea of nodding heads instantly responded, yes! yes! open it! open it!



On first attempt, it was kind of like opening Pandora's Box; Dr. Nelles cautiously peeked inside and then, horrified, quickly slammed it shut again. All eyes were on Dr. Nelles as finally, in spite of his obvious trepidation, he managed to muster-up enough courage, took a deep breath and opened the suitcase. To everyone's surprise, two magnificent hats appeared; one trimmed with feathery white plumes, and the other, a braided Napoleon-style wedge. The hats were followed by bright red and blue coats adorned with gold buttons and gold braiding, so grand and colourful, one child was prompted to ask, "Why did the soldiers dress up so fancy for war?" The class thought Dr. Nelles looked pretty funny when he donned the Napoleon hat (too big) and the red jacket (too small). After that, the hats were passed around as the students took turns role-playing. One student, whose task it was to perform a drum-roll to signal each major pronouncement, was relieved to finally sit down, exhausted from so much standing and drumming!



Dr. Nelles read accounts of the war from the journals of Hamilton-area families whose home and farmlands had been occupied by soldiers. Their description of events captured a wide range of emotion, from a sense of deep loss and grief, fear and confusion, to the excitement felt by a young boy, accustomed to quiet rural living, who woke one morning to find, that during the night, more than two thousand soldiers had camped out in the fields surrounding his farmhouse. The impact of war on children their own age and the battles that were fought right on



their own doorstep, perhaps on lands where some MCYU students now live, proved to be particularly captivating and meaningful; the discussion period that followed kept Dr. Nelles well after class to answer questions from a long line of eager children.



## McMaster Children & Youth University



### Robotic Surgery

#### Would you let a robot remove your appendix?

In January of this year, children and parents alike were treated to a spellbinding lecture on Robotic Surgery by **Dr. Mehran Anvari**, Professor of Surgery at McMaster University and Scientific Director & CEO, Centre for Surgical Invention & Innovation (CSii).

A video of the current and potential use of robotics in non-invasive surgery and the future of surgery in space, showed Dr. Anvari floating around in zero gravity to stress the need for surgeons to be tied down in order to perform surgery in space. Then came the appendectomy. The response from the class scored a big '10' on the yuk-factor scale when a robot held up a diseased appendix that had just been removed through a patient's mouth!

It was easily apparent that Dr. Anvari had little difficulty transforming his subject material into a fun-filled, interactive learning experience as evidenced by the packed lecture hall, and the seemingly endless flow of questions from the young participants. Kids love robotics and thankfully, Dr. Anvari was only too willing to encourage their interest.

But the well-crafted lectures and the lively exchange between the children and professor that follow are not the sum total of the program's benefits. As with all the MCYU lectures, it may be difficult to gage the far-reaching benefits that live on after the lecture, as the introduction to the campus and university environment, the shared parent-child learning experience with continued dialogue after class, and the positive reinforcement from the professors who prepare child-friendly lectures and patiently answer all manner of questions, all work together to sow the seeds for future university studies.



With the success of MCYU, there are exciting plans in the works to expand on community involvement. Drs. Scheinemann and Raha offer a forward glimpse, "Looking to the future, we plan to extend these interactive demonstrations to an outreach program aimed at local organizations and schools. We are in the process of establishing funding and infrastructure to make this a reality. In the long-term, MCYU's aim is to develop a multidisciplinary and integrated program to engage children, youth and their families in order to promote the benefits of education. We also aim to utilize MCYU as a training opportunity for McMaster students in order to teach the art and science of communicating their research to the general community."

Now, throw in an out-of-this-world 'Starry Sky' lecture at the McMaster planetarium taking place in March, 'Our Genes, Our World' in April and 'The Power of Young Consumers' in May, and its little wonder the MCYU is rapidly becoming a popular concept in extra-curricular learning for children.

**Oh yes, one more bonus item... MCYU is free!**

**Read on to find out what kids, parents and grandparents think about MCYU.....**

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CHILDREN & YOUTH  
UNIVERSITY



## TESTIMONIALS

McMaster Children and Youth University..... It's a family affair!

Kids, parents and grandparents share in the joy of learning at MCYU!



10 year-old Jordan Dawoud, in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year at MCYU, received his 'graduation' certificate and is working on his second one for 2013. Jordan's younger brother Noah says that what he likes best about university is 'learning lots of stuff', and when asked what he likes second-best he adds, 'getting lunch at the hotdog stand at the bookstore after class.'



John Raso and daughters Jordan and Taylor attend the MCYU lectures regularly and give the program top marks. John says, "The MCYU provides a great opportunity for the youth to experience what post-secondary education offers, especially how much fun science can be!"



Henry and Mary Ernst accompany 8-year old granddaughter Annalee to class. Their enthusiastic response to the program says it all, 'the MCYU is the best thing happening for kids in Hamilton!



Naya Nouredin, 13 year-old Grade 8 Student and mother Ghanwa Afach enjoy the learning experience together. Ghanwa agrees with general consensus; "McMaster Children and Youth University is an excellent opportunity which offers our children free monthly lectures that exposes them to the university environment". She adds "We've incredibly enjoyed every single lecture we attended so far. Post-lecture activities also were an amazing experiences and we are looking into future lectures as well as post-lecture activities."



# A Tribute to RICHARD H. HUNT

## Recipient of the Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award 2013



**Richard H. Hunt, FRCP, FRCPEd, FRCP(C), AGAF, MACG**  
 Professor, Emeritus  
 Farncombe Family Digestive Disease Research Institute  
 Department of Medicine  
 Division of Gastroenterology

Richard Hunt qualified from Edinburgh University in 1966. He obtained research training as an Honorary Research Fellow at St. Mark's Hospital and at the MRC GI Unit, Central Middlesex Hospital, London, England. He was a Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist, Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar from 1977-1981. He came to McMaster as Professor of Medicine in 1982 and was the first Director of the newly created Intestinal Diseases Research Unit. He was also GI Division Director from 1982-1992. He has made exceptional contributions to clinical and academic gastroenterology during his career and has published over 600 peer reviewed papers and abstracts, 71 book chapters and 14 books. His work has been cited over 13,000 times and 22 papers that have been cited more than 100 times. His research spans clinical pharmacology, interventional endoscopy, laboratory and clinical studies in peptic ulcer disease,

non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) injury to the GI tract gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and Helicobacter pylori infection. He has been instrumental in initiating and participating in multidisciplinary consensus meetings developing clinical guidelines

for the management of Helicobacter pylori infection, management of GERD and in the appropriate use of NSAIDs.

Richard has received numerous honours and awards over his illustrious career. He was awarded the Gilbert Blane Medal (see picture) in 1978 for his services in developing endoscopy in the Royal Navy. He won the silver medal at the British Institute Scientific Film (1980) and the British Medical Association Film Awards (1981) for his educational films on endoscopy. Richard was President of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology 1992-1993. He was a co-founder and President of the Canadian Helicobacter Study Group 1997 – 2001 and is Vice President of the Canadian Digestive Health Foundation. He was nominated as one of the top ten doctors in North America in 1994 and received the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Distinguished Service Award in 2003. He has received many other awards including the Bockus Lecture at the World Congress of Gastroenterology in 2009 and the McKenna Lecture at the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology in 2011 and was appointed Master of the American College of Gastroenterology in 2012.

Here are just a few brief excerpts from Dr. Hunt's nomination letters that more than amply address the criteria for the prestigious Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award, and outline Dr. Hunt's extraordinary and globally recognized accomplishments as clinician and teacher, researcher and role-model, educator and mentor, and as a national and global ambassador.

Dr Hunt being awarded the Gilbert Blane Medal (below) in 1978 for his services in developing endoscopy in the Royal Navy.



**Come  
celebrate**





## A Tribute to RICHARD H. HUNT

“Dr. Hunt was nominated as one of the top ten doctors in North America in 1994 and received the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Distinguished Service Award in 2003. He has made enormous and consistent contributions to academic and clinical gastroenterology. His enthusiasm and passion for science and gastroenterology is unparalleled and remains as strong today as when he commenced his medical career. He has a passion for teaching and this is exemplified by the number of highly successful courses which he has organized or participated and the number of times he has been an invited Faculty member of AGA, ACG, ASGE and International courses over his career. He has been Visiting Professor at Universities in the USA, Canada, Australia, Europe, South East Asia and South Africa. For almost 10 years he organized educational and technology transfer workshops for senior Chinese gastroenterologists. He has had a profound influence on gastroenterology through the world and it is an honour to nominate him for this prestigious award.”

Dr Paul Moayyedi BSc MB ChB PhD MPH FRCP  
FRCP AGAF FACG  
Professor, Department of Medicine  
Gastroenterology Division, McMaster University

“Dr. Hunt’s major achievement has been the establishment of the top division of Gastroenterology in the country at what is now become HHS. In so doing, he brought national acclaim to the hospital’s service in gastroenterology, as well as its training program. He established a culture of research that that has survived three decades, and that has established Hamilton as one of the top 5 academic centres for gastroenterology in the world.

Dr. Hunt was among the pioneers of the use of proton pump inhibitors to treat acid related disorders and established a clinical laboratory for assessing acid secretion. In short, in the ‘80’s and early 90’s he put Hamilton on the international map in the field of gastroenterology. As a clinician-scientist he was an influential role model and attracted many trainees from across the globe, many of whom are now academic leaders in their own right.

Dr. Hunt was Surgeon Commander in the Royal Navy before he came to Hamilton and had already established connections with gastroenterologists throughout the world. Through his contributions to the practice of gastroenterology, as well as his achievements in research and post-graduate teaching that he was able to exploit this

global network and quickly place HHS and the University among the most prominent GI divisions in the world; there was no better ambassador.”

Dr. Stephen M. Collins MB BS FRCP  
Associate Dean of Research  
Professor  
McMaster University

“Dr. Hunt is a rare, gifted clinician. Broadly speaking, Dr. Hunt is a humble pioneer who exemplifies the selection criteria for this MSA Award. He is a visionary who has the unique ability to unite and empower those around him.

His leadership abilities extend to the global stage and he is a role model for many generations of gastroenterologists even beyond Hamilton. He is not only my role model for clinical care, but I can confidently state that he has shaped the clinical approach of learners from all over the world, some now recognized as international experts. Formal teaching lectures by Dr. Hunt are widely recognized amongst McMaster University trainees as ‘can’t miss’ session as he has an uncanny ability to distill complex concepts into simple pearls. Recently leaders from Spain, Italy, Ireland United Kingdom, Thailand, China, United States and from Coast to Coast Canada descended to Hamilton to honor Dr. Hunt’s retirement. It was awe-inspiring to hear how he has shaped each of their careers with his time, mentorship and expertise. He has done this in a humble graceful and generous way – representing Hamilton Health Sciences with distinction. By acknowledging his efforts with the Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award, we stand as a group to recognize, and in turn encourage this approach in our faculty.”

Zain Kassam MD FRCP  
Chief Gastroenterology Resident, PGY-5,  
Division of Gastroenterology,  
McMaster University

Watch for the Fall edition of the MUSE (September) for more on the Annual Dinner & Awards presentations for the MSA President Distinguished Long Service Awards and the Outstanding Residents Awards for 2013, complete with photos!

## The Medical Staff Association's Renaissance Project 2013 8th Annual Medical Staff Art Show



### Dr. Ed Hughes

**“Art is who we are; science is how we are. Art and Science are tightly knit human and endeavors that demand quality in conception, execution and communication. Perhaps a difference lies in the respective meaning: science is more a currency of the body, and the ‘we’, while art is oxygen for the soul, the ‘I’.”**

**A lifetime painter and 8-year veteran of the Medical Staff Annual Art Show, Ed’s work is prized by art collectors throughout Ontario. His collection can be viewed at [www.eghughes.ca](http://www.eghughes.ca)**



### Dr. Catherine Hayward

**Catherine has a passion for “landscape inspirations that come from experiences of peaceful moments where views move one away from the noise, stress and realities of hectic urban life.” Her generous donations of some of these peaceful moments captured in oil and on display in the lounges at MUMC and HGH, provide a welcome respite for HHS physicians. Catherine is a well-known artist whose work has been shown and sold in galleries throughout Ontario, and can currently be viewed at New Street Gallery in Burlington.**



### Dr. John Lamont

**Wildlife and Nature Photographer John Lamont, whose captivating images reflect the journal of his world travels, is a man of few words when it comes to his art; “ I am an enthusiastic amateur photographer who enjoys travel and nature photography”, he states simply; but his extraordinary images speak volumes about his remarkable talent for capturing nature’s finest moments.**





### Dr. Oren Levine

5<sup>th</sup> year Internal Medicine Resident, joined the Renaissance Group for the 2009 Medical Staff Art Show and drew a lot attention with his mixed media diptychs entitled "Sophisticated Lady" (right). This year, his passion for jazz was reflected in a spectacular work, evoking a 'New Orleans' image entitled, "Brasserie" (left). We hope Oren will be back for the 2014 Show!



### Patricia Gagic

Patricia, internationally renowned artist, was welcomed back by the Renaissance Group after a few years hiatus. She and her husband Dr. Ned Gagic, also an artist, have focussed their energies in humanitarian work in Cambodia over the past 6 years in the rebuilding of a small village in Angkor Wat. (see article in the MUSE Fall 2012) Patricia's art has gained international acclaim and luckily, her work can be viewed here in Hamilton too, at the Studio: 231 Bay Street Gallery and at [www.patrickgagic.com](http://www.patrickgagic.com)



### Dr. Judith Moran

Judith has painted since she was 11 year old, later studying art at the Manitoba School of Art, the University of Manitoba, Mohawk College and the Dundas School of Art. "Art, like photography, is one of my hobbies that allows me to forget the stresses of everyday life in the ER", she says. Her work encompasses a wide variety of media; charcoal sketching, pastels, life drawing, portraits, landscape in watercolour and her favourite medium, oil. Judith has been participating in the Medical Staff Art Shows since the first show in 2006.

## The Medical Staff Association's Renaissance Project 2013 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Medical Staff Art Show



**Dr. Gavino Perez**

Gavino studied at the Dundas Valley School of Art and is a prolific artist whose work, with its distinct European flavour, has been a favourite of medical staff since the first show in 2006, with a munificent array of new work in every show since then. His love of classical Italian art, the Impressionist period, and the work of the Canadian Group of Seven, comes together in a delightful blend of colour and form in his favourite subjects; portraits, still life and landscapes.



**Dr Ed Hughes**



**Dr Catherine Hayward**



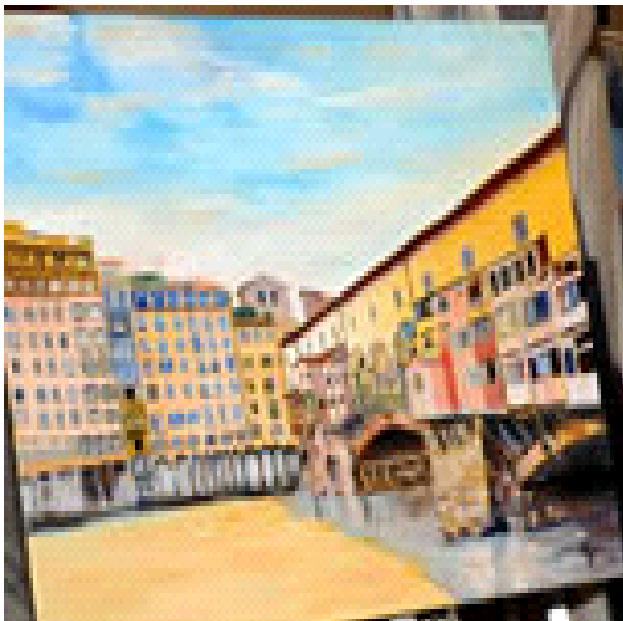




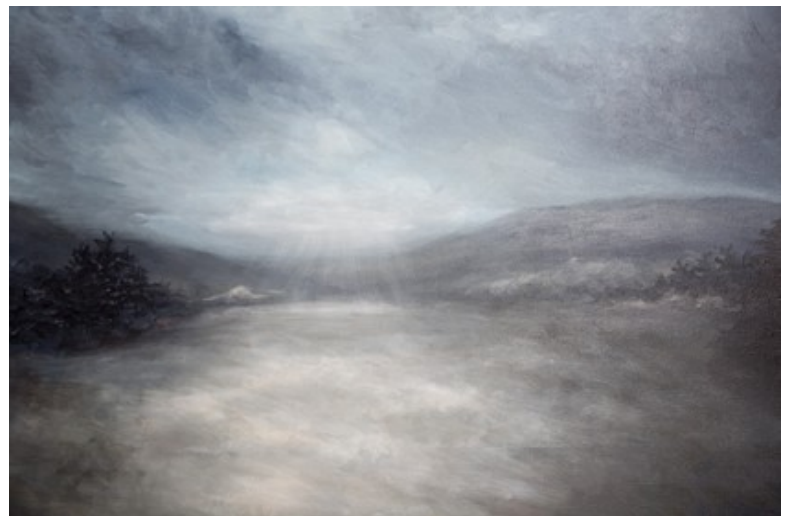
**Dr Judith Moran**



**Dr Oren Levine**



**Dr Gavino Perez**



**Dr Catherine Hayward**

# The MSA Supports the Arts in Our Community

## Barb Sachs - A Local Artist with an International Reputation

Since 2010, the Medical Staff Association has awarded recipients of the prestigious Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award and the MSA President's Award with Barb Sach's coveted signature raku sculpture of the Canadian Polar Bear. As a national emblematic symbol, these sculptures have been presented by the Canadian Government to visiting Heads of State, including the Queen of England and President Nelson Mandela.

Whether the MSA awards are the Polar Bear Family, or a single Polar Bear in a characteristic pose, the Medical Staff who have received these superb works are gifted with an heirloom that will continue to delight for generations.



Clay artist, Barb Sachs, draws her inspiration from the natural forms of the animal world. Barb uses many hand-building techniques in the creation of her animals, but, most notably employs thick sheets of clay, or slabs, which are folded and shaped in an origami like method to produce a hollow sculptural form - a form which lends itself to the rigors of the raku firing process. The variation of glaze effects that the raku technique allows provides the palette for these creatures and serves to create an aged quality in the work. Polar bears, elephants, penguins and frogs are among the creatures represented as well as her newer work ... her whimsical "night creatures" and "party animals" series.

Barb has worked in Calais using the raku firing process for the last 17 years in the Hamilton/Dundas area - creating original designs and showing and selling locally and abroad. Her work can be found in many collections here and internationally. Among her greatest honors, Barb's signature polar bears have been presented to His Excellency President Nelson Mandela and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"In my clay pieces, I enjoy working with animal themes... often celebrating the nurturing and the playful, the tender and the strong. I find that the immediacy and variations of the raku firing process brings these creatures to life." Barb Sachs

MSA Awards Recipients presented with Polar Bear sculptures:

### Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Awards

- Dr. Richard H Hunt 2013
- Dr. Doug Holder 2012
- Dr. Dennis Psutka 2011
- Dr. Brian Steele 2010

### MSA Presidents' Awards for Distinguished Long Service

- 2013
- Dr. Edward Dore
- Dr. Desmond Kwok
- Dr. Chitra Rao
- Dr. Irene D Turpie

2012

- Dr. Ned Gagic
- Dr. John Wells
- Dr. Ama DeGraft-Johnson

2011

- Dr. Akbar Panju
- Dr. Michael Patlas







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**Dr Chris Ricci, Vice President**

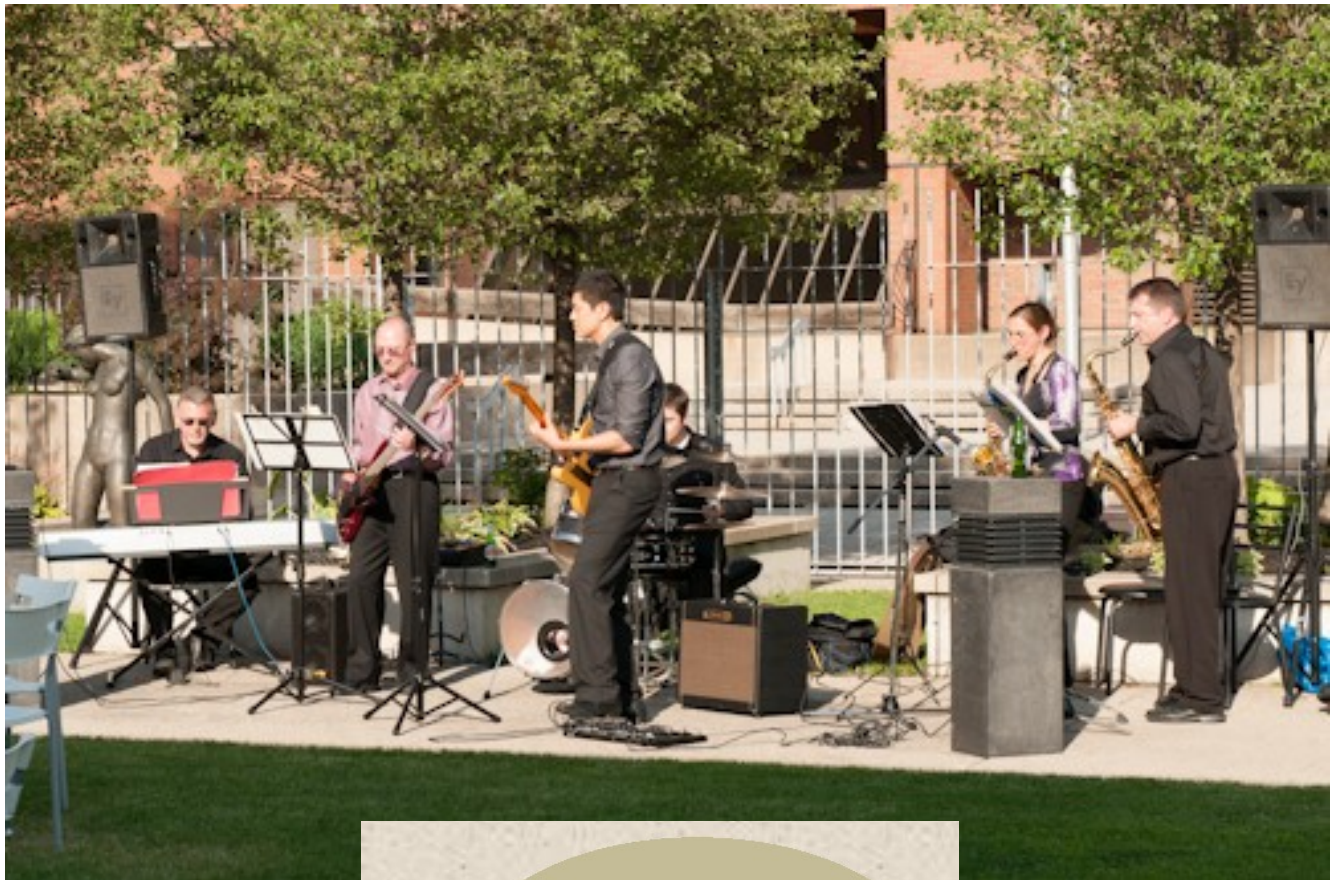
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Hunt, Dr Paul Miller, Dr Kevin Zbuk**

**Administrative Assistant: Catharine Griffin**

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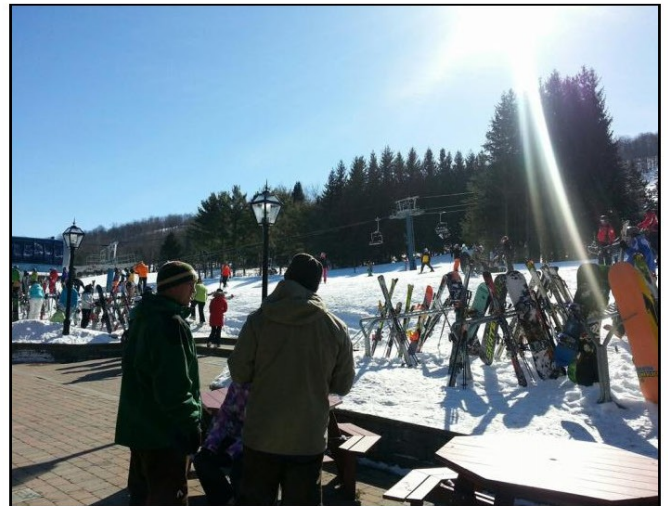
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# Hamilton Hospitals Ski Day - Family Day February 18, 2013

## Ya Gotta Love It!



L-R: Drs. Oliver Wesley—James, Ken Sanders, Walter Owsianik, Donna Fedorkow, Chris Ricci, Lawrence Lesiuk.

It was another beautiful day on the slopes of Holimont for the Hamilton Hospitals Ski Day held on Monday, February 18 (Family Day). Over 180 Hamilton Hospitals skiers and snowboarders took part in the trek to Ellicottville for a day of fun, sun, snow and an après ski party. Thank you to those who joined us, and special thank you to June Quagliariello, Drs. Walter Owsianik and Chris Ricci, and the Hamilton Academy of Medicine for putting it together, and to the HHS Medical Staff Association for their contribution to the Après Ski Party! Hopefully we're lucky enough to have the same great conditions for next year's Ski Day on Family Day February 2014!