

Here comes a party for owaa gallery at GRC

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EMC news - Everyone likes a party.

And especially one with cake, ice cream and music for everyone.

That's why you should plan to be at the upcoming fourth birthday party and art sale at the Ottawa West Arts Association (owaa) gallery at the Goulbourn Recreation Complex (GRC) in Stittsville.

Besides the cake, ice cream and music, there will be a children's craft table and door prizes.

In addition, there will be lots of the owaa artists on hand to discuss their art. Who knows? You might just leave after purchasing one of these pieces of art, an ideal and unique Christmas gift or perhaps something that will go great on that wall in your home.

This is all happening on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the owaa gallery which is in the lobby area of the GRC on Shea Road in Stittsville.

Piano player Rick Leben is going to be a busy fellow at the party. He is slated to play at two different times, for an hour and a half each time. He will be twinkling the ivories, as it were, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. and then again from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The formal party celebration will be happening at 1:30 p.m. when the dignitaries present will be speaking. This includes city of Ottawa mayor Jim Watson, city of Ottawa Stittsville ward councillor Shad Qadri and Stittsville Village Association president Marilyn Jenkins. Each of these dignitaries will bring their birthday greetings to the gathering.

A special birthday cake will be formally cut by mayor Watson and councillor Qadri at 2 p.m.

The story of the owaa gallery at the GRC goes back to Nov. 2007 when a Stittsville Steering Committee to investigate possible exhibit space in the community was formed. Members included Sue Perley-Robertson, John Madden, Louise Barker, Beverly Ashford and Gerard Smith, with Terry Sametz as a consultant.

In Dec. 2007, the committee became the GRC Gallery X Steering Committee whose efforts resulted in the formation of the Ottawa West Arts Association (owaa) in May 2008 involving the committee, a group of local artists and a number of community residents.

The owaa began planning for an exhibition space for the visual arts in the phase two expansion of the GRC. This exhibition space was named the owaa gallery and opened on Nov. 1, 2008. This visual arts exhibition space is meant to increase the awareness of the visual arts in the community.