



Eve's Easel Talk

Jan-Feb-March 2000 — Published in *The Artist's Journal*

This year, *Creative Corner Gallery Frame Shop* in Surrey celebrates its 20th Anniversary. Congratulations to Dave Martin and his staff!

Dave has over twenty years experience in the framing industry. After studying commercial and graphic arts at Capilano College, Dave apprenticed at *Fast Frames* (still located on Denman, in Vancouver). He learned the picture framing trade from a 3rd generation French Canadian picture framer. Later, Dave worked as a salesman for a wholesale picture framer, then known as *Artistic Woodwork*. (That company was bought by a large U.S. wholesaler, *Larson-Juhl*).

Dave opened *Creative Corner Gallery Frame Shop* in Kennedy Heights (Delta), November 28, 1980. He has no regrets going into business for himself, despite an ominous start: that first winter, Dave remembers there was a phone strike, and it snowed heavily all December. Laughingly (although he wasn't laughing at the time), Dave recalls how he sat in an empty store or stood outside freezing, waiting with other store owners for a turn to use the pay phone for business calls.

Creative Corner moved to its present location in Surrey six years ago. The spacious, eye-pleasing gallery and frame shop comprises 2600 sq. ft. of shop and showroom. There's a full line of art supplies, a variety of art prints, and a wide selection of ready-made frames on display. The well-equipped shop allows all work to be done on site, with very little being sent out. Dave's future plans are to focus more on his picture framing service. *(Continued next page.)*



Eve's Easel Talk

Jan-Feb-March 2000 (continued)

Experience, knowledge, and business sense is necessary to be as successful as Dave Martin has been with *Creative Corner*. But much credit goes to Dave's friendly, conscientious character. While I was interviewing Dave, he accepted two phone calls. Dave referred both callers to his "competition," even providing the phone number of one. (Yes Virginia, there really are ethical businesspeople). Visit Dave at *Creative Corner Gallery Frame Shop*, 7445-132 St. in Surrey (there's lots of parking). *Creative Corner's* phone number is 594-6411; fax 594-0322.

After your visit to Creative Corner, be sure to take time to admire the incredible mural on the building across the street. *Beachcomber Hot Tubs Inc.* has commissioned Vancouver artist *Paul Ygartua* (he's also painted murals for Expo) to paint the exterior walls of their 76th Ave Surrey building. The murals, completed over several phases, will each depict "legends of the Millennium": people who have made their marks in history, and the 22-year history of *Beachcombers*.

My apologies to *Bill McKay* of *Touch of Elegance* -- and to those confused by his back page ad in the last issue. Two bloopers were overlooked. His coupon expired Sept. 30 (the issue came out Oct 1). Also, "Dry Mount Laminating" should have read "Drymounting & Laminating." 🖌️