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DAREarts CENTIPEDE 'CHILDREN FOR PEACE' DAY

Holiday Card Display

Alliston, December 5, 2007 – The Gibson Centre, in collaboration with the DAREarts “Children for Peace” project and the New Tecumseth & Area Arts Council will be displaying original, one of a kind holiday cards created by local school children as part of the “Children for Peace” project on **Monday, December 10th from 12 noon – 8pm.**

The cards will be available for purchase through donation right up until Christmas.

These organizations are working together with local school children and artists to create holiday cards that will be sold locally. All proceeds from the sale of the cards will go towards the **Children’s Garden Home & School in Nairobi, Kenya** founded and operated by local Gary Laakso and family. These students in the slums of Nairobi will benefit greatly from these funds.

The students in Nairobi have created cards that will be on display as well. These cards will be displayed in Rotary Hall, 2nd floor of The Gibson Centre, commencing Dec 10th and will be offered for sale to the general public.

Last year: 2,000 original Children for Peace cards went to the Canadian Peacekeepers in Afghanistan who gave them to Afghan children to spread the message of peace.

This year: “Children for Peace” is being launched in Alliston and local schools have participated to create beautiful one of a kind holiday cards.

Please join us on Monday, December 10th between 12 and 8pm with official welcome at 7 pm at The Gibson Centre for the display of this exciting initiative.

Backgrounder: The international children’s peace movement “On Own Feet” – Children with love, Children for Peace” began 15 years ago in the Czech Republic and how has one million children participating around the world! In cooperation with NATO peace-keepers, the children have helped to buy three children’s ambulances plus a “bigfoot” landmine remover and rebuilt schools in Bosnia & Afghanistan. www.darearts.com

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The Gibson Centre is an 1889 heritage building that began its life as a factory. Located at 63 Tupper St. W. in Alliston, it has been transformed into a Centre for community, arts and culture and offers a Performance Hall, banquet facilities, art gallery, cafe, gift shop, studio spaces, workshop, Seniors centre and much, much more.

Come and experience the transformation From Factory....to *Fabulous!!*