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Art and history from Toronto Island showcased in exhibit

A presentation of Toronto Cultural Services through its Market Gallery program, **Toronto Island Narratives, Past and Present** has extended its run until November 7, 2009. This multi-media exhibit underlines the enduring connections that exist between the past and present in the creative imaginations of the local artistic community.

Contemporary art works by Island artists are featured alongside art and artifacts from the Toronto Island Archives. Resident artists including Jerry Englar, Mitchell Fenton and Gaye Jackson were asked to make works inspired by historical items from the collection of Toronto Island archivist, Albert Fulton (1938-2008). This exhibition is organized by Delwyn Higgens, freelance curator and Toronto Island resident for fifteen years.

Toronto Island has undergone many changes over the years but the homes that still exist are now clustered toward the eastern end of the Island housing a population of about 700 people. The Ward's and Algonquin communities are home to artists of all ages working in every kind of medium imaginable. Once described as the "spiritual centre" of Toronto, the Island retains the ability to spark creativity in those who live and work there.

Admission is free. The Market Gallery is located on the second floor of the South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front Street East. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays.

For more information on museums and art centres with the City's Cultural Services, visit www.toronto.ca/culture.

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