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Canadian Visual Artist Ruth Abernethy's Durham Roots

[Pickering] – Check out DWAC's current cyber-artist Ruth Abernethy. She was raised in northern Durham near Cannington. Great-grandfather Abernethy's farm was on the edge of Lake Ontario on the site of what is now the Darlington Nuclear Plant. "My familial connections are more in Durham than anywhere else in Ontario", says Ruth.

After the Stratford Festival commissioned her to create three large bronzes that show the raising of their first theatre tent, Ruth received invitations to sculpt figure portraits of renowned pianist Glenn Gould at CBC, Toronto, and Canadian actor, Al Waxman in Kensington Market. Her bust of Al Waxman was acquired by the Canadian Portrait Gallery. She sculpted the bronzes for the Franklin Garden on Toronto Island and she's preparing the 150th Anniversary Sculpture for the City of Waterloo. Ms Abernethy's works in the recent *Canadiana Collection* were selected for permanent exhibition in the official residences of the Governor General, the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of the Senate in Ottawa.

In 2004 Ruth exhibited in DWAC's "Size 8+" exhibition. She supported DWAC's Mystery Masterpiece in 2006 & 2007. "This very prominent Canadian artist has taken DWAC's vision to heart. We're delighted by her strong support", says retired DWAC Executive Director, Angie Littlefield.

The sculptor and designer studied at the Malaspina University in Nanaimo, British Columbia. She taught at the University of Calgary, University of Victoria, Banff Centre for the Arts, and conducted Master Classes in prop building at the Stratford Festival. Ruth's artworks are in collections in Italy, Australia, England and France where she is recognized for her fine works in bronze, laser-cut stainless steel and clay.

Ruth Abernethy's career highlights and Artist's Statement appear at www.dwac.ca.

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