

Eye on Business

A CHANCE reconnection between two old friends has culminated in a new art and craft studio in the Upper Beach.

Unlimited Arts Studio opened in late April at 152 Main St., just south of Gerard, and offers a variety of classes and workshops for children and adults, from experts to complete beginners.

"This is something I've always wanted to do ... have a space where people can come and just be creative," said founder Fiona Bramzell.

Bramzell and her 1990s partner-in-crime during Queen Street West's heyday, DeAnn deGrujter, reconnected several years ago when they ended up using the same daycare provider. With a career in theatre, deGrujter offered to run some related workshops or classes at the studio.

"I come to it with a theatre background," she said.

Soon enough, Bramzell realized the two were still on the same wavelength, and deGrujter came on board as a co-founder and creative director.

"I realized we both had pretty much the same vision," said Bramzell.

The studio's mission is general but ambitious. "Our overall wish is to provide a welcoming, uninhibited space for you to discover and unleash your inner creativity," they write on the studio's website. "Let us help you find and nurture your passion!"

Classes and workshops range from weekly children's art classes to smartphone cinematography, and the space is available to rent for creative types hoping to offer their own expertise in custom workshops.

Unlimited Arts offers a range beyond that of other options, said Bramzell.

"There are art classes, but I don't think there's any place like us in the neighbourhood."

Bramzell and deGrujter are also collecting milk bags – the larger bags that hold three individual milk bags, not the ones that actually contained milk – for a project that sees the bags woven into mats that are sent to third world countries. Everyone is encouraged to drop off milk bags, preferably flattened and folded, to the studio or pop them through the mail slot.

To find out about the full range of programs, including the milk bag project, see unlimitedartsstudio.com.

IT WAS pure luck that led to Quarry Dental Group celebrating three decades at their Quarry Plaza location at Gerard Street East and Clonmore Drive.

Dr. Allan Katchky, who runs the office alongside his "partner in life and in business," Dr. Cindy Greenspoon, first came to the East End in 1983 when he landed his first placement after graduation with Dr. Sheldon Rose on Kingston Road.

The sense of community kept him in the area when the time came to establish an independent practice.

"This area has changed a lot less than most areas ... I kind of fell in love with the area and the people," said Katchky.

Greenspoon points out that some of those clients are so much like fam-



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Unlimited Arts Studio co-founders DeAnn deGrujter, left, and Fiona Bramzell at their Main Street studio.

ily that she and Katchky have seen the smiles of children, and then grandchildren, come through their doors.

That tradition of family extends to their own children. The dentist couple's two sons are both working as orthopedic surgery residents, their youngest daughter is considering dentistry, and older daughter Ashley graduated dental school last year.

After finishing a year of specialized training in Boston, she's expected to join the family practice this summer, marking two generations of dentists serving three generations of patients.

"Everyone in the family has sort of gravitated toward healthcare," said Katchky.

Periodontist Jacklyn Glick is also joining the current team of 14 part- and full-time employees.

Katchky and Greenspoon said they are both very grateful to the many long-time patients who continue to support their practice in the Upper Beach.

"It's become my home. This is where my patients are, and a lot of them are like family," Katchky said.

UPPER BEACH resident Dwayne Reno moved his restaurant service business Building Block Associates from Kingston Road to Leslieville six months ago, in order to be in the heart of the restaurant scene.

On June 12 Building Block will mark its third anniversary of providing a unique mix of food supply and marketing services to the Toronto food service industry.



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The Quarry Dental Group team includes, front row from left, partners in business and marriage Dr. Allan Katchky and Dr. Cindy Greenspoon, dental assistant Sharm, dental assistant Grace, dental hygienist Jerusha, and, back row from left, receptionists Salima and Lena.

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