



6° Degrees

M U S K O K A

SUMMER 2010

DESIGN CHALLENGES

At **SIX DEGREES MUSKOKA**, we are gearing up for our second season to 'Evolve, Grow and Reflect Today' and this summer, we have decided to shake things up a bit! Retired for now, is the 'gallery with themed shows' format of last year. This summer, it's **DESIGN CHALLENGES!**

Creative, artistic individuals from both Muskoka and beyond are invited to take part in innovative and interpretative solutions for both indoor and outdoor installations at the historic Queen's Hotel, c. 1885.

#1 Design Challenge: "if these walls could talk ..."



Tin Ceiling in Dining Room
"Queen's Hotel", circa 1885

We are very interested in documenting, understanding and celebrating our built heritage. In our current work at the historic "Queen's Hotel", we have been removing, collecting and cataloguing building materials from aspects of the structure that date as far back as 1885.

Hemlock wall studs cut and milled on the shores of Muskoka; hand forged square nails and tin ceiling panels from the Dining Room in which the farewell banquet for the boys of the 122nd Battalion was held in 1917.

We strive to re-use materials in unexpected ways and locations and this time is no different - except that ***we are asking others to participate in this experience, too.***

A "***kit of historic parts***", building materials salvaged from the Queen's Hotel, will be available for artistic minds from Muskoka to re-interpret. Carvings? Jewellery? Sculptures? Literature? Paintings? Work created using these materials, will be exhibited during the G8 in June and beyond.

So ... what's the carrot? (Other than a chance to be inspired, show your work in a great space, have it seen by locals, summer shoppers and G8 visitors ...) How 'bout a whole bunch of **iCarrots!**

1st Place: One, MacBook 2nd Place: Two, iPads 3rd Place: Three, iPods

That's right, ***1/2 a dozen, cool, high-tech, prizes,*** (or cash equivalent). Winning entries are added to the permanent collection of Six Degrees Muskoka and the rights are retained by them to publish, giving credit to the author, in online formats, newspaper, magazine, book, booklet, etc.

Interested? Predominately, we have 2 x 4 hemlock studs; the availability of tin (in various sizes) and square nails is more limited in quantity. To help manage the distribution of parts, email art@sixdegreesmuskoka.com by Monday, May 24th and let us know what quantity of materials you would like to pick up (wood, nails and/or tin) so that we have a better idea of 'spoken for' interest. We may need to limit quantities. First email, first served, so get thinking!

Pick-up “kit of parts”: Thursday, May 27th from 10–6, at Six Degrees Muskoka.

Drop off Completed Entries: Friday, June 18th from 10–6, at Six Degrees Muskoka.

On Display: Starting June 24th throughout the summer, depending on size of exhibition.

To be included with your entry: One 8 ½ x 11 page with **NO** reference made to your identity with your Artistic Statement, describing your approach, inspiration, process and interpretation of the materials provided. This anonymous page will be shown during the judging and exhibition.

To be included on a second page: One 8 1/2 x 11 page with your name, studio, biography, web site, contact information and images of your other work. Once judging is completed, this will be shown with your entry and Artistic Statement. Include business cards.



Interior View, 3rd Floor, Queen's Hotel

You may have other materials in your entry; however, the majority and dominant materials must be those supplied from the 'kit of historical parts'. **Keep an eye on our web site for any updates, Q & As and other cool stuff.** www.sixdegreesmuskoka.com

Elements of the past, given a second opportunity to tell a new story.

Don and Jen Skinner, founders of Six Degrees Muskoka and Skinner Properties, will host and sponsor prizes for the Design Challenges as chosen by a panel of judges representing art, architecture and today's culture. Get ready to WOW us. Become a part of history.

The exhibit of these Design Challenge entries will be our ART focus for this summer. Although we thoroughly enjoyed the 'gallery approach' of 2009, due to time demands of other exciting projects we have underway, we will not be selling artist's work, cards, CDs or books this summer.

We will have **digital animation classes** again starting in the summer so watch our site for details.

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Six Degrees Muskoka, 63 Manitoba Street,
Bracebridge. Across from the old Clock Tower at Taylor Road.

