

# Artist Camozzi shows her work

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An Antigonish artist is displaying her first solo showing.

Local artist Anne Camozzi has a new exhibit showing at the J. Franklin Wright Art Gallery at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre. Camozzi, a BC native who moved to Antigonish to attend StFX and later stayed to raise a family, titled the exhibit *One Blue World: Nature and Spirit*.

"I'm really interested in the spiritual connection to nature and how nature can provide us with serenity and calm and wonder," she said. "For me, I think my contemplation and appreciation of nature is very much a part of my spirituality and that's something else I was trying to express in the show."

When asked about developing her connection between nature and spirituality, Camozzi said she is often filled with awe when taking in the sights of the natural world, noting how

everything seems connected and dependent on everything else.

"That fills me with a sense of wonder and that's what I connect with the divine; wonder and awe and mystery," she said. "I think that really seized my spirituality."

Camozzi received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from York University but ended up taking a 30-year break and instead studied Adult Education at StFX. While raising her two kids, she worked as an environmental consultant and university administrator. However, she became ill about four years ago and was advised by her physiotherapist to get back

into art.

"I started painting four years ago, and it's just really taken off," she said. "My art has really become my life now, and I'm working full-time as a professional artist. It's kind of a cool story because I feel I have gone back to my roots, gone back full circle to something that brought me a lot of passion and joy."

The local showing is Camozzi's first as a solo exhibit and said she is pleased with the experience.

"The gallery space at the Franklin Wright Gallery and...Everyone's been so welcoming and inviting," she said. "It's really an exciting moment for me."