

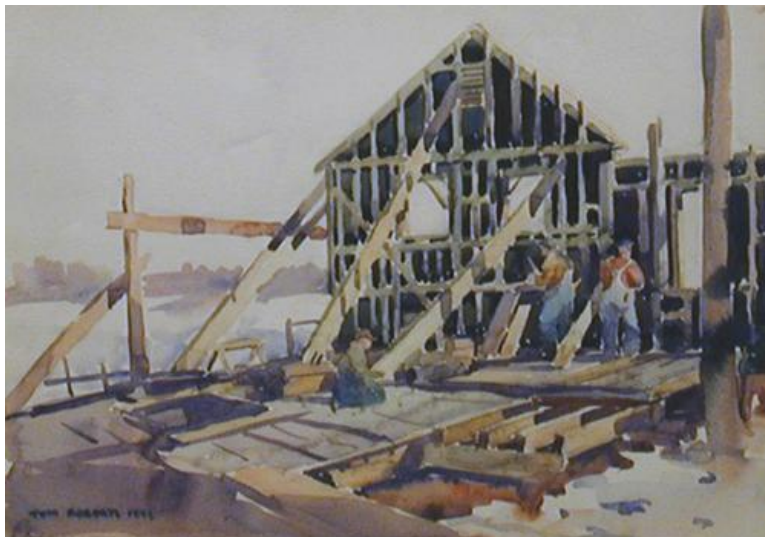
TOM ROBERTS 1908 - 1998

Art has always been synonymous with the Roberts name: Tom Roberts' paternal grandfather established the Roberts Gallery in 1842 (the oldest art gallery in Canada), and his maternal grandmother was one of the original members of the OSA. Tom himself was an elected member of the Ontario Society of Artists and the Royal Canadian Academy. He exhibited regularly with the R.C.A. annual exhibition, the O.S.A. annual exhibition and the Canadian National Exhibition. He also participated in thirty-two annual, often sold-out, one man shows at Eaton's Fine Arts Galleries.

He studied art at Toronto's Central Technical School and at the Ontario College of Art under such well-known artists as J.W. Beatty and Fred Haines. His influences included Beatty and the Group of Seven. While in military service during the 2nd World War, he portrayed army life in pencil and watercolour sketches. After the war he painted landscapes at many locations as he traveled across the country.

Tom Roberts recorded our heritage with his engaging oil paintings depicting the Canadian wilderness. His intense love of the land resulted in a prolific number of landscape paintings from coast to coast: maritime lighthouses, rural Quebec churches, the St. Lawrence River, Ontario farms, children playing hockey on frozen ponds, and Western mountains all provided stimulation for his imagination. His characteristic use of soft, pastel colours and hazy imagery created a sense of nostalgia, solace and peace in his paintings.

Building Operations, watercolour, 9.5" x 13.5"



Selected Collections

Art Gallery of Hamilton
London Public Library & Art Gallery
University of Guelph Art Gallery
Edmonton Art Gallery
City of Montreal
Market Gallery, City of Toronto Archives
Seagram's Limited
Dofasco
Rio Algom
Ford Motor Company Limited
Imperial Oil Limited
Pal Insurance Company
plus numerous public & private collections in Canada and the U.S.A.

Selected Exhibitions

Thirty-two annual solo exhibitions at Eaton's Fine Art Gallery
Wallack Gallery, Ottawa (solo)
Continental Gallery, Montreal (solo)
Park Gallery, Vancouver (solo)
Manuge Gallery, Halifax (solo)
Roberts Gallery, Toronto (solo)
R.C.A. Annual Exhibitions
O.S.A. Annual Exhibitions
Canadian National Exhibition Annual Shows
M.M.F.A. Spring Exhibition
Art Gallery of Hamilton Annual Exhibition
also shows in: New York, Charlottetown, Windsor, Edmonton