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# Alberta artist's exhibit celebrates oil paintings

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When the love for photography meets the affinity for oil paintings – the result is a Jonathan Havelock piece. The Edmonton-based photographer was in Fort McMurray for his solo exhibition and sale, *The Secret Garden*, at the Keyano Art Gallery.

A former Alberta justice minister, Havelock had 28 pieces on display from February 13 to 23, each one eye-catching because of the alluring, bright hues.

The *Secret Garden* series consisted of 20 works, which took about two years to complete. The digital photography pieces are a melange of his different images brought together to create one large piece.

"Life is all about colours. I was very happy with the exhibition. I have done trade shows in Fort McMurray and around Alberta

before, but this was my first solo here, and I loved the venue.

"My wife and I enjoy being in Fort McMurray, and I want to come back to shoot the Aurora Borealis," he shared.

Havelock says he attempts to create contrast in his works, and in doing so stays true to his love of photography while adding colour, light, and depth – three components of oil paintings.

Photography is a passion he returned to full-time a few years ago. In fact, he gained a love for photography after losing his father seven years ago. They were very close, and this is when Havelock's wife suggested he pursue it as a hobby.

"He's with me when I'm shooting images. I know he would have been proud of me. This is my link to him," explained Havelock.

Visit: <http://www.jonathanhavelock.com/index.html> for a gallery of his works.



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