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A HIGHLY REGARDED LANDSCAPE BOOK...

Manly E. MacDonald Interpreter of Old Ontario

has been just been published by *Plumley Press* and *Friesen Corporation*. The 192 page book by biographer, Charles Beale has already been acclaimed by book store and gallery owners.

Manly MacDonald is well-known to artists and collectors of his work across Canada, and particular, in the Quinte region of Ontario. He lived for many summers in Napanee on the Long Reach of the Bay of Quinte. His painting, portraits, etchings and pastels can be found in public galleries and private collections across the country and beyond. The John M. Parrott Gallery in the Belleville Public Library has dedicated the month of September as **MANLY MACDONALD MONTH**.

An official launch is being held, **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**, at the **JOHN M. PARROTT ART GALLERY**, 254 Pinnacle Street, 3rd Floor, Belleville, Ontario from 6:30–9:00 p.m. The invitation only event is to include the Mayor of Belleville, Neil Ellis and City Council, Board Members of the John & Bernice Parrott Foundation, Belleville Public Library CEO, Lesley Bell, Curator Susan Holland and Staff, Curator Rona Rustige, Staff and Advisory Board of the Glanmore National Historic Site of Canada, President Maureen Piercy and Board of Governors of Loyalist College, President Rhea Pretsell of the Canadian Federation of University Women of Belleville and District, as well as honorary guests Duncan and Barbara MacDonald, their family and other invited guest and collectors. A Public Opening will be held on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**, 2:00–4:00 p.m., at the same location. (Contact Susan Holland at 613-968-6731)

Manly MacDonald also lived, worked and taught art in Toronto at the Ontario College of Art, the Royal Canadian Academy, and also had a studio there, so it is fitting that a second invitation only launch is scheduled for **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21**, at the **JOHN A. LIBBY FINE ART GALLERY**, 463 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario from 7:00–10:00 p.m. A Public Opening will be held at the same location on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23** from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. (Contact 416-364-3730)

Other events and book signings have been scheduled:

September 12, 1:00–4:00 p.m., Furby House Books,
65 Walton Street, Port Hope (Contact 905-885-4712)

September 18, 2:00–4:00 p.m., Lennox & Addington County Historical Society at the **Macpherson House Museum,**
180 Elizabeth Street, Napanee (Contact 613-354-5982)

Greenley's Bookstore, 258 Front Street, in the Belleville Village, will be the sole distributor for the book in Belleville. (Contact Tammy Greaves at 613-966-9760)

Manly E. MacDonald Interpreter of Old Ontario is also being sold by the National Gallery book store, Ottawa, Nicholas Hoare Books, Toronto and Ottawa, and through info@charlesbeale.ca. For more information, please visit the website or contact (613-354-8129).