



Clock Tower Potters: Back row, l to r: New Clock Tower tenants add an artistic touch to our town. Back row: Cathy Dumas, Karen Young, Marie Messina, Amber Roberts Front row: Diane Stanwick, Elke Schmidt. Missing: Gerda Baker, Sharon Douglas

Clock Tower building welcomes new artistic group of tenants

Stouffville's former municipal building in the town square continues to enhance its reputation as a local arts centre with the arrival of the Clock Tower Potters.

"We were all students at another studio and the lady that was teaching us had to close up, so we decided to get together and see if we could open up a studio of our own," explained Marie Messina.

The eight women in the group quickly discovered

that space was at a premium, but with the help of economic development officer Eric Lismanis, they got in touch with David Duggan, who arranged for them to take over some space on the ground floor of the building.

"Half of us do hand work, which tends to be more artistic and half do work on the wheel, making functional pottery like casseroles, bowls and vases, but those can be a little artistic too," said Ms.

Messina.

With Mr. Duggan's help, and donations of equipment by their former teacher, Sharon Douglas, they now have a thriving studio.

The Clock Tower Potters are joining forces with their upstairs neighbours, artists Ron Brown and Andrew Hamilton, for an open house show and sale at the facility December 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.