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Dear friends,

On behalf of the Members of the Canadian Aviation Heritage Centre (CAHC) and the Pasmore family, we are thrilled to announce the official opening of the Godfrey Stewart Pasmore Art Gallery with the retrieval and exposition of the Godfrey Pasmore Art Collection.

Inspired by the examination of an old family photograph album, Godfrey Pasmore, the CAHC Founder and President Emeritus, began commissioning well known Canadian artists in the mid 80's to depict the beginnings of our aviation heritage through a series of original paintings and model dioramas. Fifteen years later the collection would be complete and as Godfrey put it himself back in 1999 during the inaugural vernissage at the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa:

"This collection highlights a part of Canada's early flying heritage and honours a number of persons who contributed to our past aviation mosaic during the years 1914 – 1948. Research behind this project exposes the vast number of individuals who participated through the period in various ways. My father, Hubert Martyn Pasmore's, career serves as a catalyst for this particular time span."

As described by the Canadian Aviation Artists Association (CAAA) back in 1999: "The display is strikingly organized in a coherent format, on original commissioned paintings, photographs and descriptive texts. In addition, there are small scale modeled dioramas of vintage aircraft. The total result is a textbook example of how to design and mount a *theme* show with maximum aesthetic and educational appeal."

The Godfrey Pasmore Art Collection consists of 26 original paintings, 1 reproduced print, 17 text panels, and 7 model dioramas. The artists involved are Geoff Bennett, Tom Bjarnasson, Jim Bruce, Ross Buckland, Don Connolly, Kathryn Plante and John Rutherford. The dioramas were scratch built by Jim Pearmain.

The art gallery will be open to the public as of Saturday November 19, 2011 during regular CAHC open hours. Please come and visit these wonderful works of art depicting our proud aviation heritage. Special thanks to Erika-May Poulin-Pasmore and the Pasmore Family Trust.

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Godfrey Stewart Pasmore
and Erika-May Poulin-Pasmore



*VISIT THE RENEWED
ART GALLERY
STARTING SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 19, 2011
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM*

*REGULAR OPENING
HOURS:
MONDAY, TUESDAY &
SATURDAY*

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM