

**exhibition**

## Tropical Orchids of Toronto: images from greenhouses and windowsills

coloured pencil drawings  
by Trish Murphy

January 3 to 30, 2012

Reception:  
Saturday, January 7, 3 pm

Richview Library Art Gallery  
1806 Islington Avenue  
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“Craving some mid-winter colour, I began drawing the orchids in January, 2010. The plants I have depicted in this exhibit were grown by hobbyist, folks with access to a heated greenhouse, or sometimes just a sunny window sill - not orchid professionals. The easily-grown moth orchids and slipper orchids were the orchids I saw most frequently. The diversity of orchids that it is possible to grow in Toronto is extraordinary, yet the cultivated orchids are just a fraction of all the orchid species in the world. In this exhibit, as is usual with me, I am trying to show the plants as they are, with close attention to detail and accuracy of colour.”

Trish Murphy is a Toronto-based artist working mostly in coloured pencils and watercolours. She is a member of the Botanical Artist of Canada, Southern Ontario Nature and Science Illustrators, and Field Botanists of Ontario.

An illustrated catalogue of the exhibit will be available during January on Trish’s website, [botanicalartstalk.wordpress.com](http://botanicalartstalk.wordpress.com). More images of Trish’s work are also available on the gallery pages on her site.

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