

**Art Gallery of Peterborough presents 2 new exhibitions  
May 7 through June 27, 2010**

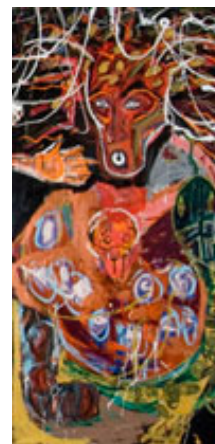
**Public Reception Friday May 7 @ 7 pm**

**NEAL MCLEOD: SONS OF A LOST RIVER**

Neal McLeod is a visual artist, award-winning poet and non-fiction writer, filmmaker, performance artist, satirist, comedian, and educator. He is currently Associate Professor in the Native Studies Department at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario.

McLeod's paintings are tied together by the multiple dimensions of the *wihtikow*, an evil spirit-being that consumes humans in order to satisfy its greed and self-absorption. In Cree oral traditions, each storyteller varies descriptions in the narratives as well as their meanings. McLeod's narrative, too, offers many possible readings. While this exhibition continues to explore the theme of the *wihtikow*, it expands McLeod's metaphorical scope to issues of personal, cultural, and collective memory tied to the landscape, to family, and to history.

*Sons of a Lost River* is organized and circulated by the Mendel Art Gallery. Education programs are available. Contact the AGP Education Department at 705 743 9179 Ext 2025.



*Detail from Sons of a Lost River  
Neal McLeod*

**R. GARY MILLER: AGAINST THE WALL**

R. Gary Miller's works emphasize a bold and direct application of paint and unexpected use of colour to tell meaningful stories on canvas. Whether through portraits of nature or humanity, Miller's respect and enthusiasm for his subjects is evidenced through the focus and balance of line, shape and colour that continually challenges the viewer's eye as well as the imagination.

R. Gary Miller was born in 1950 on the Six Nations Reserve. He studied at the Ontario College of Art and Design and the University of Toronto. His recent solo exhibition, *Mush Hole Remembered* (2008) at the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford depicted the artist's own memories of abuse at the Mohawk Institute, a residential school in Brantford. Miller currently lives and works near Coe Hill, Ontario.

**The Art Gallery of Peterborough is located at 250 Crescent Street in Peterborough.  
Free admission. Barrier-free access. Gallery hours are 11 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday.  
Call 705 743 9179 and visit [www.agp.on.ca](http://www.agp.on.ca)**