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## **John Mlacak Honoured At Art Expo**

From EMC article by David Johnston

John Mlacak makes an indelible mark on local artistic community.

Artistic expression is thriving in Ottawa, thanks to events such as the 2010 Ottawa Art Expo held Oct. 29-31 at the St. Elias Centre in Ottawa. Only in its second year, the expo featured a wide variety of popular artists, among them well-known local community builder John Mlacak. He was awarded the "Lucille Broadbent Artistic Achievement Award" by the Board of Ottawa Art Expo.

Like most of the accomplishments that have filled John Mlacak's life, he took the honour in stride. The award recognizes the recipient's commitment to art and to community, something John Mlacak has made his life's ambition.

John was elected to the Ontario Society of Artists in 2006. His paintings are alive with colour and expression. From bold and subtle colours in landscapes to the vibrant red and green roofs of Québec farm buildings and towns, he is fascinated by the play of light and shade weaving through trees and over the white torrent of rapids and waterfalls.

John Mlacak sees his art as an expression of creative design, something that he has done in one way or another all his life.

Ottawa Mayor-Elect Jim Watson presented John Mlacak with the Lucille Broadbent Artistic Achievement Award at a reception and gala opening night of the Ottawa Art Expo at the St. Elias Centre Oct. 29.



South March Highlands - Oil on Canvas - 36" x 48"

