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Wednesday, September 29th, 2010

story & photos
by Angela Olsen



(l-r) High above New London, artist Terry "Davo" Davis and Tony Silvestri, project manager, New London Harbour Towers, reveal the new mural on the DDLC Energy tank.

On Sunday, September 12, an intimate group of residents gathered on Bank Street in downtown New London, anxiously anticipating the big reveal of "What's under the curtain?" The wind was howling. Yet, the blustery conditions could not thwart the plan to, at last, draw back the blue curtain, and show onlookers another magnificent work of art by New London's own Terry "Davo" Davis! As Winston Churchill said, "Kites rise highest against the wind, not with it."

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Guests were invited to gather at noon to tour the new condos in New London Harbour Towers. From the fourth-floor recreation deck, onlookers watched as Tony Silvestri, project manager, New London Harbor Towers, and Davo rose, despite the gust, in the bucket of a giant man-lift, several stories to the top of the giant oil tank facing Bank Street. This mural is part of the ongoing revitalization of the lovely and historic waterfront in New London, and was commissioned by New London Harbor Towers and DDLC Energy.

Davo is no stranger to publicity, as his previous work, also located on Bank Street, on the Hygenic Building, sparked a media and publicity frenzy!

James Stidfole, Hygenic Arts, recalled how one small opinion piece, written by a person offended by the depiction of a woman's décolletage, eventually landed the mural on major networks such as CNN! Said James, "There is no such thing as bad publicity!"

The blue curtain dropped, and the air filled with applause as the new mural, replete with Ol' Glory, the Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, and Davo's trademark Grecian columns made its debut. An interesting tidbit is that the mural is a massive, tank-sized reproduction of the original drawing! This contribution marks yet another positive step forward in the revitalization of the Whaling City

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