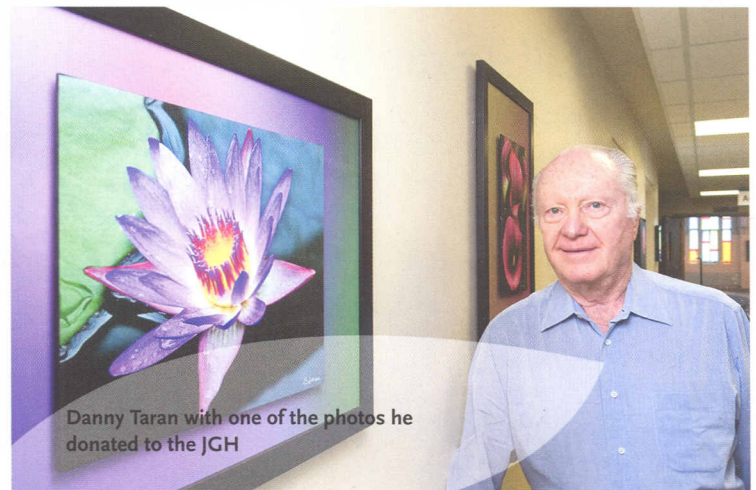


Picturing a happier space

Photographer brings life to hospital walls

Creating a mood of tranquility in a hospital is never easy, but that's exactly what **Danny Taran** is hoping to achieve through his artwork.

"Four years ago, I started thinking that walking through a hospital or seniors' home can be very depressing," says Mr. Taran, a retired photographer. "It occurred to me that public spaces in these buildings should be decorated to be more appealing." Through his charitable organization, the Liane and Danny Taran Foundation, Mr. Taran has donated over 1,000 of his framed photos to the JGH. The colourful pictures of flowers and landscapes now line the hallways in 12 departments. "I was approached by the JGH about this project, which started with just one department," he says.



Danny Taran with one of the photos he donated to the JGH

"The response was great! Patients and staff say the photos really brightens their environment. I'm really happy to know they make a difference. I've been so busy with requests from new departments that I've barely had time to expand to other places."

For more information about Mr. Taran's foundation, visit artofcharity.org. **P**

Help preserve a collective memory of the JGH for generations to come

Time for spring cleaning! Instead of hoarding all your outdated departmental records and paraphernalia—or worse, throwing them away—why not pass them along to the JGH Archives.

"As keepers of the hospital's history," says Archives Librarian **Linda Lei**, "we identify, locate and preserve the legacy of the JGH and ensure its security. Our collection is available to hospital staff for medical research and, when appropriate, to the public."

The Archives is calling for historical records relating to the JGH, including such items as:

- visual materials—e.g., photographs, negatives, architectural plans and drawings
- artefacts and memorabilia pertaining to health care, administration and celebratory events at the hospital

- documents—e.g., minutes, reports, policies, bylaws and departmental publications
- newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, personal papers, diaries, correspondence, and unpublished records belonging to staff members past and present.
- records in other media—e.g., cassette tapes, videotapes, slides, CDs and DVDs
- digital documents in such formats as Word, PDF, PowerPoint and Excel

"The Archives staff will take the utmost care in processing and preserving your donation and are available to answer your questions along the entire process," adds Ms. Lei.

To preserve records documenting your departmental activities, contact Ms. Lei at extension 3277 or via Lotus Notes. **P**

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Pavilion K-aboom!

Over the past several months, crews have been hard at work excavating the area where Pavilion K will be located. Staff can expect between four and eight blasts per day at various times between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Each blast will last a fraction of a second, with slight vibrations and a muffled boom sound at the time of the blast.

All necessary safety measures have been put into place, including seismographs in various locations to measure and limit the intensity of the vibrations and sounds. In addition, the Pavilion K Planning Group has met with representatives of several departments to discuss the possible effects of dynamite-related vibrations on sensitive equipment.

For up-to-the-minute information, please consult jgh.ca/now or call ext. 2494 or email pavk@jgh.mcgill.ca. **P**