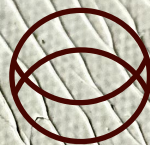


St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre

Annual Report

2023



Our Mission

The mission of the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre is to encourage and promote an appreciation for and support the practice of the visual arts in St. Thomas and Elgin County through a variety of exhibitions and educational programs and through the preservation of a permanent collection.

Our Vision

The St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre is a highly valued and respected art centre that is a focal point for the St. Thomas and Elgin community. The Art Centre is dedicated to fostering a welcoming, enriching and engaging environment of art and creativity, inspire, challenge and educate its audiences.

We gratefully acknowledge the continued support from the City of St. Thomas, the County of Elgin, donors, members and supporters. With your support you provide us with the opportunity to be creative, responsive and entertaining.



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Total Volunteer Hours: 557.5



Statistics

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Website www.stepac.ca

Visits **18248**

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Visitors **4228**

Tours and Community Outreach **512**

Adult Programs **214**

Children's Programs **594**

Special Events **1352**

Facility Rental **365**

2023 Total 7331

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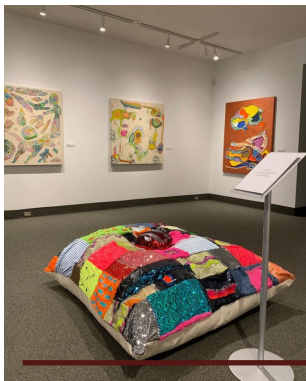
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Instagram **1953**

YouTube **75 Subscribers**

3378 Views (30 videos)

Exhibitions



Kim Wilkie

FOUND

January 14 to February 18, 2023

Closing Reception February 18 1-3pm

"In the past, I believed that there were separate and definitive paths for my art and spiritual practice, however the study of both areas was just the beginning of a simultaneous journey. It is the weaving and crossing of these two paths in my life that compliment and infuse a continuous search within, to viscerally express the metaphysical within my art and at the same time my response to my exterior environment." Kim Wilkie

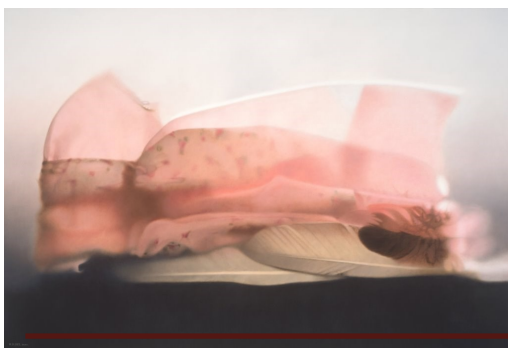
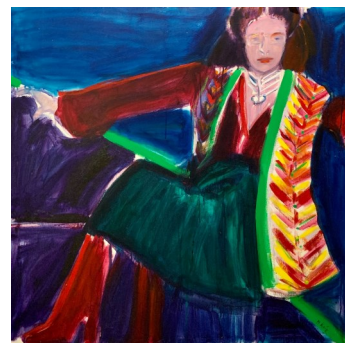
Recent Acquisitions

Selections from the Permanent Collection

Gallery Three

January 14 to February 18, 2023

Like many public art galleries and museums, the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre cares for a permanent collection of artworks that has been gathering and growing since our first acquisitions in 1969. Through generous donations and thoughtful purchases, the Public Art Centre has been steadily adding artworks to our collection resulting in a collection that now numbers over 2000 artworks.



Rosemary Sloat

The Dresses My Daughter Never Wore

Gallery One and Two

February 25 to April 8, 2023

This body of work developed over a dozen years beginning and ending with self-portraits. Paint based images evolved into still life objects such as feathers, eggs and shoreline fragments that have been my mainstay. Rosemary Sloat

Records of Journeys

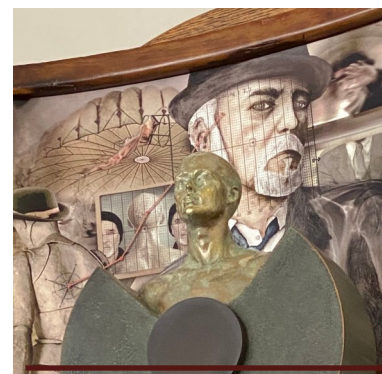
Selections from the Permanent Collection

In Memory of Eric Atkinson (1928-2022)

Gallery Three

February 25 to April 8, 2023

Eric Atkinson introduced generations of students, artists, culture workers, and collectors to the influences of European art and design and we are honoured to display the collection's holding of his artwork. These works span over 30 years and demonstrate his passion for creating.



Robert Ruby

The Mechanics of Meaning

Gallery One and Two

April 15 to June 3, 2023

Artist Reception May 6, 2023 1-3pm

"The Mechanics of Meaning" was an exhibition of mixed media art including many assemblages, and to varying degrees all works represent a personal post-concussive study of a decades-long journey through life with an ABI (Acquired Brain Injury).

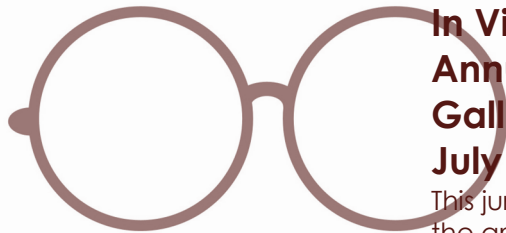
"Cultivated Landscapes: Reflections of Nature in Elgin County"

Selections from the Permanent Collection / Elgin County Museum

June 10 to July 22, 2023



The "Cultivated Landscapes: Reflections of Nature in Elgin County" exhibition was a unique showcase of artwork from the Elgin County Museum and the permanent collection that highlighted the beauty and complexity of the local landscapes in Elgin County. The exhibition explored themes such as lost landscapes and farmland, providing an opportunity for visitors to reflect on the impact of human intervention on the natural world



In View of the Artist Annual Juried Exhibition Gallery One and Two July 29 to September 9, 2023

This juried exhibition exhibited original two dimensional works of art that celebrated the artist behind the work, what the artist saw and created, "in their view", real or imagined. This means anything goes. Over 130 artworks was submitted to the jurying process.

Portside Gallery Artists Gallery Three July 29 to September 9, 2023 Opening Reception July 29, 2023

The Portside artist group's group exhibition was a collaborative showcase of artworks created by members of the Portside artist collective. This exhibition brought together a diverse range of artistic styles, techniques, and perspectives, reflecting the collective talent and creativity of the group. Each artist contributed their unique vision and voice to the exhibition, which created a dynamic and engaging exhibition.



Pat Gibson Planet Waters Gallery One and Two November 14 to December 23, Saturday December 2, 2023 from 2-4pm

"I have been fascinated by the movement and mystery of water on and under its surface since living on the shores of Lake Erie." The drawings and paintings in this exhibition were created in response to disaster stories of tsunamis, hurricanes, floods, changing shorelines, oil spills and our sick planet waters. The work is also informed by ongoing research of estuaries, tides, currents, water levels, pollution and the water column.

Annual Miniature Show and Sale Gallery Three November 14 to December 22, 2023

The air was buzzing with excitement as art enthusiasts browsed the collection, each piece a small treasure waiting to be discovered. The annual miniature show and sale was a celebration of art in its most delicate and enchanting form, a testament to the boundless creativity that thrives in the world of miniatures.



School Programs



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Tours are approximately 1½ to 2 hours in length (depending on grade level) and the Art Centre can accommodate 50-55 students/tour.

The Art Centre offers curriculum based tours and hands-on art activities **free of charge** to the schools in our community. We continue to update our programs to better reflect the Ontario Arts Curriculum, incorporating aspects of both the creative process and the critical analysis process, as well as offering students a more active, participatory experience.

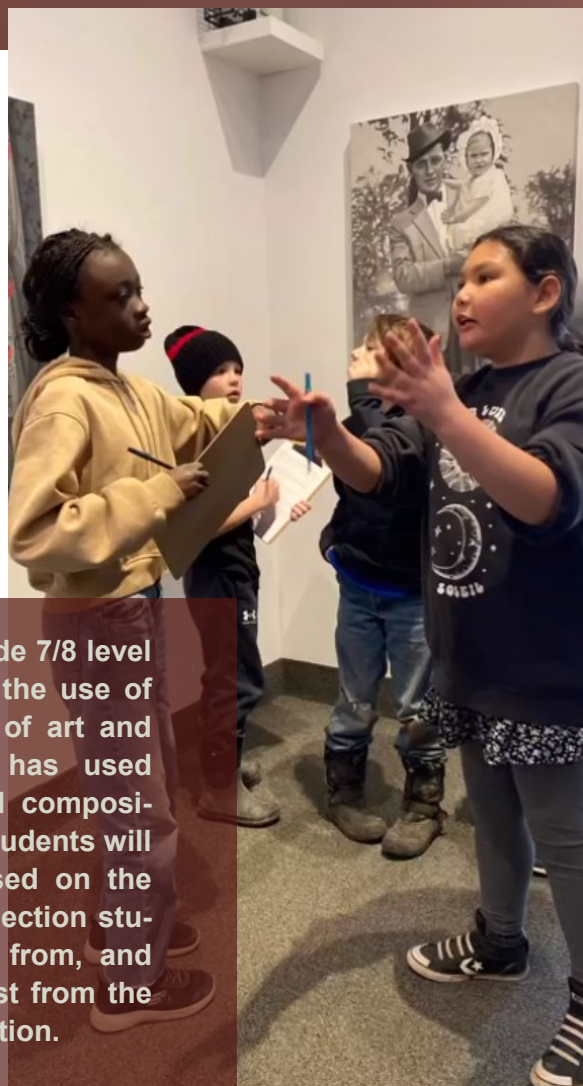
Students encounter original artworks with a tour led by our Program Director, Sherri Howard that complement and enhance classroom learning and are based on the Ontario Curriculum. They take time to look carefully, ask questions, and develop their own interpretations.

Through open-ended discussion, students discover that art can possess multiple layers of meaning. Their shared endeavor - in which all voices are valued - becomes a powerful learning experience that will be memorable and meaningful.

Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students taking part in tours at these grade levels will play an active role in learning about the choices an artist makes

when creating art. They will be encouraged to generate questions, ideas and opinions about the exhibitions and the importance of art in expressing ideas and feelings. Special attention will be given to the use of the elements and principles of art both in the work of professional artists and the work that they create. In the hands-on section students will create work, appropriate to each grade level, that emphasizes both the elements and principles of art.

Grade 7 & 8 Tours at the grade 7/8 level place a strong emphasis on the use of the elements and principles of art and recognizing how an artist has used these to create a successful composition. Using this information students will complete an art critique based on the exhibition. In the hands-on section students will look at examples from, and create art inspired by an artist from the Art Centre's permanent collection.



Clark McDougall Art Scholarships



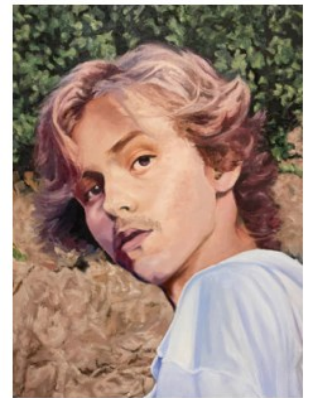
Each year, graduating Secondary School students from St. Thomas-Elgin, studying art at college or university, are invited to apply for the Clark McDougall scholarships.

There is such a wealth of young talent in our community! Nate Dennis (Central Elgin Collegiate Institute) and Destiny Vickers (West Elgin Secondary School) received the scholarships this year.

Congratulations to Nate Dennis and Destiny Vickers, and best of luck in university. Thank you to Diane Dobson, Eric Lemon, and Ron Milton for their expertise, and involvement with the McDougall Scholarships.



Destiny Vickers



Nate Dennis

Partnerships/Programs/Outreach

Education / School programs

St. Anne's Catholic School
Beaver and Scouts Tour
Locke's Public School
Mount Salem Christian School
Parkside Colligate Institute
Arthur Voaden Secondary School
Éva Circé-Côté French Immersion Public School
Monsignor Morrison Public School
Elgin Court Public School
Parkside Colligate Institute SHSM
Pierre Elliott Trudeau Public School

Partnerships and Special Programs

Rogers Broadcasting
Economic Development Board
Rotary Club of St. Thomas
Canadian Mental Health Association
Hosting Book Clubs
New Comer Youth Group YWCA
Indwell
Mount Hope
Parkside Colligate Institute Co-Op Sarah Meadows
Elgin County Studio Tour Artists
Downtown Development Board Pumpkin Prowl
London & St. Thomas Association of Realtors
Downtown Development Board Light Up Talbot



Classes and Workshops



Art classes provide a vital platform for individuals of all ages to explore their creativity, express themselves freely, and connect with others in a meaningful way. For adults, art classes offer a therapeutic outlet for stress relief and self-discovery, fostering personal growth and well-being. Teens benefit from art classes by honing their artistic skills, boosting their confidence, and providing a positive and constructive way to channel their emotions. Children, on the other hand, develop essential cognitive and motor skills through art classes, while also cultivating a sense of imagination and creativity that will serve them well throughout their lives. Overall, art classes play a crucial role in nurturing artistic talent, fostering personal development, and building a sense of community among individuals of all ages.

PA Day Workshop
Friday Jan 20, 2023
9:00am-3:30pm
Grades JK-4
Instructor Sherri Howard

Elementary Expressions
February 4-25 (Saturdays)
Grades JK-4
Instructor Wilma Pineau

Drawing
Illustrating Exotic Animals
February 4-25 (Saturdays)
Grades 4-8
Instructor Julianne Bryans

Preschool Picassos
February 8 to March 1, 2023
18 months to age 3
10:30-11:30am
Instructor Teagan Butler

March Break Camps
Daily
March 13-17, 2023
Grades JK-4
Instructors Kiera Batzold, Wilma Pineau, Sherri Howard

Elementary Expressions
April 14 to May 6, 2023
Grades JK-4
Instructors Kiera Batzold, Wilma Pineau,

Drawing
April 14 to May 6, 2023
Grades 4-8
Instructor Julianne Bryans

Preschool Picassos
April 19 to May 10, 2023
18 months to age 3
10:30-11:30pm
Instructor: Teagan Butler

Summer Art Camps Week One
July 10 to 13, 2023
9:00am to 3:30pm
Grades JK-4
Instructor Kiera Batzold, Jeevan Atwal

Summer Art Camps Week Two
July 17 to 21, 2023
9:00am to 3:30pm
Grades JK-4
Instructor Kiera Batzold, Jeevan Atwal

Cursive Writing / Creative Lettering
August 1-4, 2023
Instructors Sherri Howard, Julianne Bryans

Summer Art Camps Week Three
August 8-11, 2023
9:00am to 3:30pm
Grades JK-4
Instructor Kiera Batzold, Jeevan Atwal

Drawing Anime
August 8-11, 2023
1-3pm
Grades 4-8
Instructor Julianne Bryans, Wilma Pineau

Summer Art Camps Week Four
August 14-18, 2023
9:00am to 3:30pm
Grades JK-4
Instructor Kiera Batzold, Jeevan Atwal

PA Day Workshop
 October 6, 2023
 Grades JK-4
 9:00am to 3:30pm
 Instructor Sherri Howard

Elementary Expressions
 October 14 to November 4, 2023 (Saturdays)
 Grades JK-4
 10:00 to 11:30pm

Instructor Wilma Pineau,
 Adalia Scott
 Drawing Cartoons & Animation
 October 14 to November 4, 2023 (Saturdays)
 Grades 4-8
 1-3pm
 Instructor Julianne Bryans

PA Day Workshops
 November 17, 2023
 Grades JK-4
 9:00am to 3:30pm
 Instructor Sherri Howard

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Discovery Week Health Recruiter-City of St Thomas-County of Elgin

Thursday, June 1, 2023-6:00 – 9:30pm

Picture a room with eager health professionals, their hands adorned with brushes and palettes instead of stethoscopes and pens. The air was alive with the sound of laughter and the scent of creativity, as these professionals delved into the world of art. With each stroke of the brush, they discovered a different side of themselves, tapping into a well of creativity that had long been dormant. The art activity became a journey of self-discovery, a way for these professionals to explore new perspectives. As they immersed themselves in the world of art, they found a new way to connect and communicate, bridging the gap between the analytical world of healthcare and the expressive realm of art. The activity was lead by our Program Director and educator, Sherri Howard.

Preschool Picassos

Ages 18 months to age three / accompanied by an adult

The studio was filled with tiny hands creating colorful masterpieces with the help of their adult companions. The air was filled with giggles and squeals of delight as these budding Picassos explored the world of art. Each week focused on a new way of making art as they discovered a new way to express themselves and connect with the world around them. The adult companions served as guides, encouraging and nurturing the creative spirit of the little artists as they explored different textures, shapes, and colors. Together, they embarked on a journey of imagination and discovery. It was a magical experience that not only sparked creativity but also fostered a bond between the young artists and their adult companions, creating memories that would last a lifetime.

Thank you to Ian Begg and the Windon Fund for supporting as a amazing program.



Drop-In Acoustic Jam

In 2023, the participants and audience were immersed in the melodic tapestry woven by spontaneous musicians as they gather for the drop-in acoustic jam session in the main gallery space. The air is filled with the harmonious strumming of guitars and the gentle plucking of strings, which created a symphony that resonated through the walls. The gallery space transformed into a musical oasis where creativity flowed freely and as did the boundaries between performer and audience.

May 13
May 27
June 17
November 18
December 9

Drop in 2024 as this exciting public program will continue!

A promotional poster for the 'Drop-In Acoustic Jam'. The top half features the text 'DROP-IN ACOUSTIC jam' in a mix of bold, sans-serif and cursive fonts. Below the text is a close-up image of the headstock and neck of an acoustic guitar. At the bottom, there is a block of text: 'Bring an ACOUSTIC instrument, a tune, and enjoy this fun, supportive community! Or, just come and enjoy the magic that happens when creative minds come together unrehearsed.' and the address '301 TALBOT STREET'.

Adult Classes and Workshops

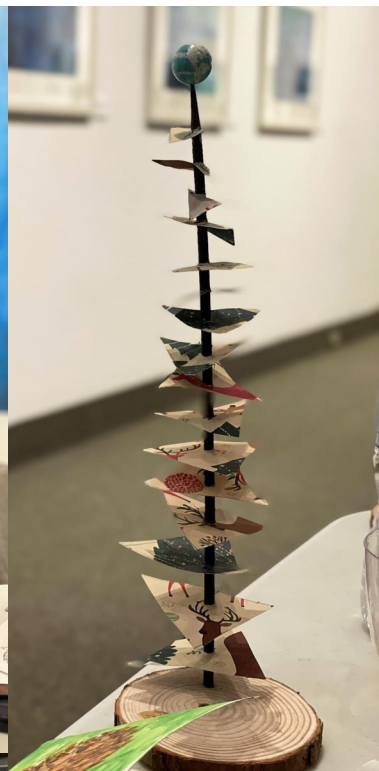
Vision Board Workshop
January 27, 2023 7 to 8:30pm
Adult / Teen
Instructor Paula Morrith

Life Drawing (Self Guided)
February 15 to March 7, 2023
Adult / Teen

Creating Together
April 29, 2023
Adult and Child workshop

Life Drawing (Self Guided)
October 17 to November 7, 2023
Adult / Teen
EAT DRINK CREATE
Friday November 24, 2023
7-9pm
Adult

Bold & Expressive
Representational Abstract Painting
October 18 to November 8, 2023
7:00-9:00pm
Instructor Angela Hardy



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ART TREES AND TRAILS

This project has brought historic and contemporary artwork from the Art Centre's permanent collection to our beautiful local trails and Elevated Park through the installation of attractive signs that features high quality reproductions of many of our landmark paintings. The "Art, Trees & Trails" project has been generously funded with \$115,000 by the Estate of Donna Vera Evans Bushell.

Art has an incredible ability to unify. Supporting the mission of the Public Art Centre, especially "encouraging the appreciation for and supporting the practice of the visual arts in St. Thomas and Elgin County", the "Art, Trees & Trails" project will allow us to engage with the community outside the walls of the Public Art Centre, promote art education, and add to our visual environment in places where community members and visitors explore nature.

- New locations:**
 Lake Margaret Trail
 Hiawatha Trail
 Pinafore Park
 Waterworks Park
 Palmer Walkway



Small informational sign below the artwork.

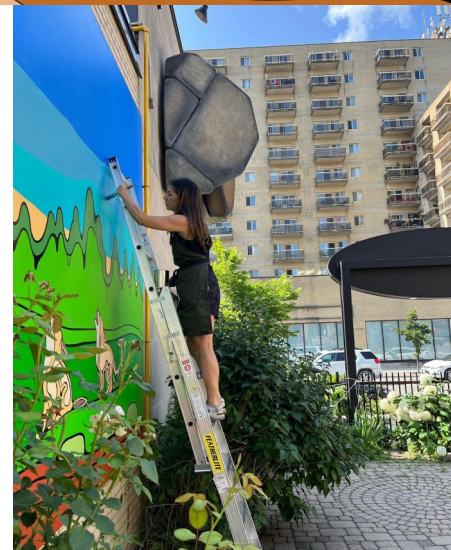
Mural West Wall

Artist Notes the 'city limits' is an interesting way of thinking about our current environmental state, where we are pushing more & more into the natural world & the wildlife are forced to navigate this ever-changing boundary. The artist likes the idea of featuring coyotes, one of the 'tricksters' common in certain Indigenous teachings and oral histories. The trickster often is a protector, but also one that challenges rules & boundaries ... this seems perfect to me both for the location of the mural & the role of artists ... the trickster can be transformative & shape-shifting, and in some cultures, moves back-and-forth between the physical and spiritual worlds ...*

Hawlii Pichette is a Mushkego Cree (Treaty 9) urban mixed-blood artist and illustrator who currently resides in London, Ontario.

Born and raised in Cochrane in northeastern Ontario, her work is deeply influenced by her culture and upbringing, and reflects the beautiful interconnections of the natural world. For the west exterior wall of the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre, Hawlii painted a mural that contemplates the ever-shifting line between natural and built environments, and how wildlife navigate this area through complicated relationships with humans and the various constructs that sit at the edges of cities.

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Special Events/Fundraising

RUMMAGE SALE Friday April 21, 2023

1:00 - 8:00 P.M.

301 Talbot Street St. Thomas



A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who generously dedicated their time and effort to help at the rummage sale. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment made a significant difference in the success of the event. Your selfless contributions and support not only benefited the Public Art Centre but also showcased the power of community and kindness. We are truly grateful for your invaluable assistance and for being a vital part of making the rummage sale a memorable and successful event. Thank you for your dedication and for making a positive impact through your volunteerism.

ART MUSIC Summer Cocktail Lounge Saturday July 29, 2023

Imagine a swirling symphony of colors, melodies dancing in the air, and the clinking of glasses in a harmonious chorus. The evening was a canvas of creativity, where music, art, and cocktails intertwined to create a sensory masterpiece. From the soulful tunes that caressed the audience to the vibrant strokes of paint that brought the walls to life, every moment was a brushstroke in the masterpiece of the night. A fusion of artistic expression and liquid inspiration, where each sip was a note in the symphony of the evening. Thank you to the fundraising committee, Beth Green, the artists (Dang Ho and Jonathan Hayes, the musicians (Mike Pineau, Paddy O'Sullivan and Griffin Noriega) for making the memorable.

Halloween Revival 2023

On behalf of the public art centre, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to **Revival Studio and Arable Communications** for hosting "Halloween Revival 2023", fundraising event. Their generosity and support have made a significant impact in our mission this year.

The event was a resounding success, thanks to their dedication and commitment. Your efforts in organizing and hosting the event allowed us to raise much-needed funds to continue our exhibitions and programs. The Halloween-themed activities, decorations, and entertainment created a fun and memorable experience for all attendees.

We are incredibly grateful for making the Halloween fundraising event a success. Your commitment to the public art centre is commendable, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration in the future.

ART | MUSIC SUMMER COCKTAIL LOUNGE 301 TALBOT STREET ST. THOMAS

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023 9:30-11:00 PM



Gift Shop

The St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre's Gift Shop offers a unique and distinct selection of items that are everchanging. A wide selection of local artists including painting, sculpture, cards and much more.

Halloween Revival 2023



Saturday, October 28

7:00 pm - midnight

377 Talbot Street, St. Thomas, Ontario

Revival Studio and Arable Brand Communications are hosting the first annual upstairs-downstairs Halloween Revival in support of the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre, and you're invited!

Join us for an evening of spooky fun with...

Oracle Card Readings by Mystic Moon Mage

Pumpkin Carving

Silent Auction

50/50 Draw

Epic Street Tacos by Chef Jamie Whalen

+ more Halloween tricks and treats!

Costumes are welcome and encouraged, but not mandatory (no costume, no prize).

Please R.S.V.P by October 10, to:
hello@arable.ca

Full event details will be released on
Friday, October 13th (of course).

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.



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Fall Art Auction

We are thrilled to announce the tremendous success of our annual art auction! Thanks to the unwavering support of our dedicated community, the event exceeded all expectations and proved to be a memorable celebration of art and generosity.

The evening unfolded with an air of excitement and anticipation as art enthusiasts, collectors, and supporters of the Public Art Centre came together to make a difference. The event showcased an exquisite collection of artwork generously donated by both renowned and emerging artists, collectors and supporters, which captivated attendees with its diversity and creativity.

A special thank you to our Emcee and Auctioneer, Steve Peters.

Highlights of the event:

- 1. Exceptional Artwork:** The auction featured a curated selection of paintings, photographs, and mixed media pieces that showcased the immense talent and artistic vision of the contributing artists. Each piece was thoughtfully presented, allowing bidders to fully appreciate of the artwork.
- 2. Energetic Bidding:** The gallery space was filled with an electrifying atmosphere as passionate bidders engaged in friendly competition to secure their favorite artworks. Spirited bidding wars ensued, resulting in several pieces exceeding their estimated values, further emphasizing the enthusiasm and dedication of our attendees.
- 3. Generous Donations:** We are immensely grateful for the generosity of our sponsors. Their contributions truly enhanced the overall fundraising efforts and helped us achieve our goals.
- 4. Community Support:** The success of the art auction would not have been possible without the overwhelming support from our community. Attendees, sponsors, volunteers, and staff all played a crucial role in making the event a resounding success. Their commitment to the Public Art Centre and their belief in our mission drove the auction's triumph.
- 5. Fundraising Success:** The art auction surpassed our fundraising expectations, allowing us to secure vital resources to support our ongoing exhibition and education programs and initiatives. The funds raised will enable us to continue promoting art education, supporting local artists, and the preservation of the permanent collection.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the annual art auction. Your enthusiasm, generosity, and commitment to the Public Art Centre have made a lasting impact on our organization and the community as a whole. Through your support, we are one step closer to achieving our vision of a vibrant and inclusive art community.

Doug Tarry Homes
Talbot Trail Physiotherapy
Geerlinks Home Hardware
Railway City Tourism
O.M.A.C. Mortgages
Locke Insurance
Graham Scott Enns
Kenny Insurance
Downtown Development Board
Ferguson DiMeo Law
Aylmer Express

ST. THOMAS-ELGIN PUBLIC ART CENTRE
Print & Poster Sale
 Gallery Three
 April 21 to July 22, 2023

The Art Centre is having a print and poster sale in Gallery Three. The sale will feature a charming and varied selection of images and artists that you can take with you today. You are sure to find something that appeals to you!

As the prints and posters sell, new works will be added to the sale, so stop by often and check out the current selections.



Photo: Eric Bargenda



Acquisitions 2023



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Clark McDougall, 1290, acrylic on board, not dated

In 2023, the focus on acquisitions highlights a commitment to supporting and exhibiting artists from the local and regional community. By acquiring artworks created by local and regional artists, cultural institutions and organizations not only contribute to the growth and recognition of these artists but also celebrate the unique artistic expressions that reflect the cultural identity and diversity of the region. This focus on local and regional artwork acquisitions can help foster a sense of pride and connection within the community, promote the visibility of our artists, and enrich the cultural landscape with authentic and meaningful artistic contributions.

Clark McDougall, *1290*, not dated, acrylic on board 24"x40"

Rosemary Sloat, *Ghost Dress*, 2018, oil on canvas, 16"x20"

Elizabeth Knowles, *Untitled "Birch Trees"*, not dated, oil on canvas board 16"x20"

William St. Thomas Smith, *Cornish Scene*, not dated, watercolour 30"x36"

Robert Reginal Whale, *Niagara Falls*, not dated, oil on canvas, 30"x36"

Paul Schleusner, *Jumbo Days*, 1985, pastel on paper, 20"x25"

Jean Spence, *Port Stanley Connection (21 paintings)*, 2008, oil on canvas 9"x11" each

Facility Management

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Visual enhancements aid in elevating the ambiance and overall visitor experience, fostering a more engaging and immersive environment for art appreciation. Upgrades can also ensure the preservation and optimal display of valuable artworks, safeguarding them for future generations to enjoy.

With a generous donation, the Public Art Centre embarked on replacing dated storage in the permanent collection vault one.

The new storage now can accommodate the small sculptural works in the collection.

In 2023, the Public Art Centre replaced the florescent lighting in the studio space, stairways, and the main floor kitchen to cost saving LED lighting.

A heartfelt thank you to the Late Anne Bridge for her generous bequest to our public art center. Her gift has made lasting impact on the Public art Centre, our community and the visual arts.

Public Art Centers serve as important cultural institutions that enrich our lives in many ways.



Membership

Jane Armstrong
Robin Baratta
Elizabeth Bourque
Peter Bloch-Hansen
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Cheryl Kaufman
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Lisa Gerrard
Robin Grindley
Richard Haddon
Cherie Hall
Susan Hampson
Pat Hartwell Mclean
Dang Ho
Petrusia Hontar
Joseph Hubbard
Marion Hummel
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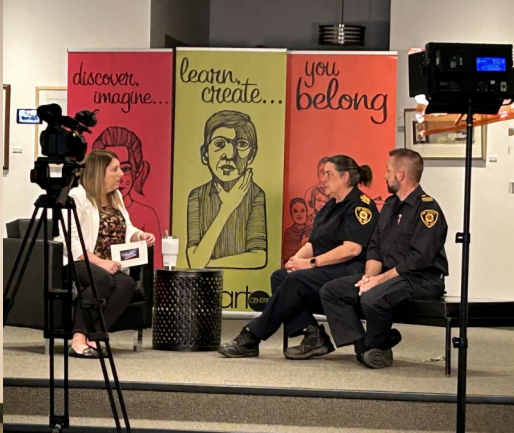
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