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Award-winning Photographer, Printmaker and Painter to select Artwork for the 27th Annual Art in the County

April 23, 2020 - The Prince Edward County Arts Council, Welch LLP and the Organizing Committee for the 27th Annual Art in the County Juried Exhibition and Sale are honoured to announce the three Canadian art professionals who be jurying this year's online exhibition.

Peter Dušek, Photographer, Otis Tamasauskas, Printmaker, and Lenni Workman, Painter.

"We are excited to announce this year's jurors who are extremely accomplished in their respected fields," says Amy Shubert, Chair of the 27th Annual Art in the County Organizing Committee. "We are disappointed not to see them in person this year due to maintaining physical distancing recommendations, but are grateful that they have all agreed to jury from home."

Jurors are solely responsible for the show's content, as well as selecting four ***Jurors' Choice Awards*** and three ***Honorable Mentions***.

Peter Dušek, Photographer (*Hockley Valley*)

Peter Dušek is an award-winning Canadian photographer whose toned black and white photographs give us a glimpse of the world's beauty. Inspired by the philosophies of Japanese Zen and Chinese Tao, Dušek places a strong emphasis on balance and negative space and his artistic design goal is as little as possible, as much as necessary, giving an almost abstract quality to his intimate landscapes. His numerous awards include *Best of 2015* by the American Society of Media Photographers and *Best Work by an Emerging Artist* by the Ontario Society of Artists. His work has been shown in Arabella art magazine, the Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival, the Louisville Photo Biennial, the New York Affordable Art Fair, and the McMichael Canadian Art Collection and is held in private and corporate collections throughout North America, including Saks Fifth Avenue. Dušek currently serves as Director of the Ontario Society of Artists.

Otis Tamasauskas, Printmaker (Gananoque, ON)

Otis Tamasauskas is recognized as one of Canada's most innovative printmakers and a leading exponent of this art form. His works are marked by his individual philosophy about contemporary printmaking as well as by his level of sophistication in technical mastery. Tamasauskas uses printmaking as a process of reaching a desired image rather than just as a means to multiply the image. Many of his prints are unique, in that only one has been produced, rather than a numbered edition. He has received critical acclaim both in Canada and abroad. Tamasauskas was a Master Printer and Director of Etching at Open Studio, Toronto, where he taught and did custom printing in etching and lithography for professional artists. He has taught at the University of Toronto, McMaster University, Hamilton and Queen's University, Kingston. He has served as a juror with the Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts and Ontario Society of Artists.

Lenni Workman, Painter (Warkworth, ON)

Lenni Workman holds a degree in Art History from Queen's University and an Honours Fine Art Diploma from St. Lawrence College. Her work focuses on the transient nature of light, in particular light's ability to abstract, define and dramatize form and space. She uses a camera to capture these fleeting moments, and uses the photo as reference for her paintings. The botanical world is a huge interest and remains Workman's subject of choice. Workman has been the recipient of numerous awards, including from the Ottawa Society of Painters in Watercolour and the Canadian Pastel Society, and has received grants from the Ontario Arts Council and Canada Council for the Arts. Her work has been exhibited across Canada and can be found in public collections, such as the Canada Council Art Bank, and corporate collections, such as Air Canada and The Toronto Sun. Professional activities include former Chair, Visual Arts Association, Northumberland Hills Arts Association and former Director, Kingston Artists' Association where she was a founding member.

Art in the County will take place from **June 19 - July 31, 2020** online at <http://www.artinthecounty.com>.