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AITC ANNOUNCES WINNERS & OPENS ONLINE EXHIBITION

June 19, 2020 (Picton, ON) – From June 19 to July 31, the 27th Annual Art in the County will be held online for the first time to ensure the continued support and celebration of local artists.

To view the online exhibition beginning today at noon, visit www.artinthecounty.com.

Since 1993, Art in the County has grown in scope and stature to become Eastern Ontario's premier juried art exhibition, showcasing a diverse range of quality works of art by Prince Edward County artists and artisans.

Presented by the Prince Edward County Arts Council and Welch LLP, Art in the County is only open to artists who are residents or ratepayers of Prince Edward County, and who are members of the Prince Edward County Arts Council. Qualifying artists were invited to enter up to two original works of art in any media created since the previous year's exhibition. **We were delighted to receive 149 submissions by 87 artists** – only a 30% drop from 2019 (a record-breaking year), reassuring us that producing an online show and not cancelling the event outright, was the right decision.

"I am so excited for the public to view this on-line exhibition," says Art in the County Chair Amy Shubert, "The jurors have selected an array of fine art across a variety of mediums that showcase the incredible talents from our artistic community. I hope that everybody enjoys Art in the County 2020."

Three renowned art professionals were solely responsible for jurying this year's exhibition, selecting **100 works of art** in a wide range of media by **76 Prince Edward County artists**.

They were also responsible for selecting the winners of 4 Jurors' Choice Awards and 3 Honourable Mentions.

The jurors for the 2020 exhibition were:

- **Peter Dušek**, Photographer (Hockley Valley)
- **Otis Tamasauskas**, Printmaker (Gananoque)
- **Lenni Workman**, Painter (Warkworth)

We are sad not to celebrate these artists in person at our usual Opening Night Ceremony. We made formal announcements earlier today on Facebook and the list is available on our website.

Jurors' Choice Award Winners

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
1. Anne-Sophie Falconer	À Deux	Casted Concrete
2. J. Douglas Thompson	A Scot's Oratorio	Acrylic on Canvas
3. Kato Wake	Winter on East Lake	Oil on Mylar
4. Tara Wilkinson	Sea is a Harsh Mistress	Photography

Honourable Mentions

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
5. Keith Beaty	Window- Camp Picton	Giclée Print
6. Pamela Carter	Tower of Song	Oil on Canvas
7. Susan Straiton	Rock-bound	Oil on Canvas

These awards have a total cash value of \$1,300 and would not be possible without the support of the following businesses: Arts on Main Gallery, City Revival, County Dental Care, Family Dentistry @ Picton, Gilbert & Lighthall Marketplace, The Local Store, and The Manse Boutique Inn.

SHOW OPENS ONLINE ON JUNE 19 at Noon

The 27th edition of Art in the County will open online on **June 19 and run until July 31**. Visitors will be able to find a link to the online store/gallery on Art in the County's website. This year, Art in the County has reduced its commission from 30% to 15% to ensure that artists earn as much as possible. We will process sales and pay transaction fees on behalf of artists who are responsible for shipping or delivering their artwork to buyers. Art in the County has not reduced its marketing budget, and will continue to promote the show locally and regionally, including a rigorous social media campaign.

For more information about Art in the County, visit: www.artinthecounty.com, call the Prince Edward County Arts Council at (613) 476-8767 or e-mail: info@countyarts.ca.

The Prince Edward County Arts Council is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization. Art in the County is also non-profit, and every dollar raised is used to produce the show.