



26th Annual Juried Show and Sale

The Mess Hall, The Armoury, 206 Picton Main Street
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Peoples' Choice Award Recipient is new County Resident!

July 8, 2019 (Picton, ON) – With one hour to go before the 26th Annual Art in the County Juried Show and Sale closed at 2PM yesterday, the coveted Peoples' Choice Award AND the new Children's Choice Award were both given to County resident and community builder extraordinaire **Krista Dalby** for her cardboard sculpture entitled *Cardboard Canadensis*- a two foot tall beaver.

On hand to accept the award presented by sponsor **Elizabeth Crombie of Royal LePage ProAlliance Realty Brokerage**, Dalby took a moment to share the inspiration behind the work. "The piece was an exploration of the medium. It is the first sculpture in my Canada Series, which has consisted of cardboard portraits of iconic Canadian personalities, including Al Purdy, Leonard Cohen, Margaret Atwood and Joni Mitchell." Dalby's cardboard portrait of Al Purdy won a Jurors' Choice Award in 2016 and her portrait of Leonard Cohen won an Honourable Mention in 2017.

On opening night of Art in the County Dalby received the second annual Community Arts Builder Award, as nominated by residents in recognition of her work on beloved community art events such as The Firelight Lantern Festival, ICE BOX, and Adventure PEC (to name a few).

"Krista is so dedicated to providing artful experiences for local children and youth," said Co-Chair Amy Shubert, "it is only fitting that she receive the first Children's Choice Award."

Organizers were very happy with this year's new Picton location. The Armoury's new multipurpose space, The Mess Hall, helped to beautifully showcase 107 works by 75 local artists. Over 2500 attended the show over its 17-day run, including 750 people on Canada Day, which was free to the public thanks to the support of Elizabeth Crombie.

The Art in the County Organizing Committee would like to thank all of the artists who entered, the numerous sponsors, volunteers, and attendees for their support of this year's show.

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: artinthecounty@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.