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Art in the County Will Move Online Again in 2021

April 22, 2021 - Art in the County (AITC) is an annual juried exhibition and sale presented by the Prince Edward County Arts Council and Welch LLP.

The Art in the County Organizing Committee had been planning an in-person show at The Armoury in June 2021, curated by Christophe Doussot and Vincent Depoivre. Given the current rise in case numbers and other uncertainties related to the pandemic, the Committee has decided to move the show online again this year. The health and safety of our volunteers, artists and patrons remain our top priority. We hope that art lovers and collectors will support the show and our local artists once again by visiting us online.

PRESENTING SPONSOR

We are pleased to welcome the return of **WELCH LLP** as Presenting Sponsor. For 19 years, Welch LLP (previously through Murray & Associates) has supported Art in the County. We are grateful for their continued support, which is essential to making the show possible.

THE SHOW OPENS ONLINE ON JUNE 18

The 28th edition of Art in the County will open online on **June 18 and run until July 4**. Visitors will be able to view digital images of this year's artworks at www.artinthecounty.com. All works are for sale. We will process sales and pay transaction fees on behalf of artists who are responsible for coordinating the shipping or delivery of their artwork to buyers. The buyer assumes any shipping costs. Online shows have the potential to reach a wider audience. Last year, work sold to buyers living in Toronto, Hamilton, Owen Sound, Kingston, and beyond.

DEDICATION

This year's show is dedicated to **Wayne McNulty and Don Pinder**, two remarkable, creative, generous, and dedicated people who were very committed to the arts in Prince Edward County. In the early 2000's, Wayne and Don were central in leading the reorganization of the Prince Edward County Arts Council and providing it with a foundation of growth and professionalism. Longtime Wellington residents, Wayne and Don moved to Ottawa in December 2020, where sadly Wayne passed away in January 2021. Don, whose health is not good, remains there surrounded by his supportive family. To learn more about their contributions, please visit www.artinthecounty.com/show/#dedication.

CALL FOR ENTRY OPEN NOW!

Artist entry deadline for submitting registration form, image(s) and payment is **June 4 at 12PM**. Visit www.artinthecounty.com to read eligibility requirements and conditions, including tips on how to photograph artwork.

COMMUNITY ARTS BUILDER AWARD

Sponsored by Laurie Gruer & Monica Klingenberg of Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited Brokerage, the Community Arts Builder Award returns in 2021. With nominees chosen by County residents, the Community Arts Builder Award recognizes an individual who has enriched community life through the arts. Past recipients include Hri Neil, Carbon Art & Design (2020); Krista Dalby, Department of Illumination (2019); and Alice & Peter Mennacher, Blizzmax Gallery (2018). All 2021 nominations must be received by June 4. The Award, which includes a \$250 monetary gift, will be announced on June 17. To learn more, visit www.artinthecounty.com.

JURORS

Jurors are solely responsible for the show's content, as well as selecting the five *Jurors' Choice Awards* and five *Honorable Mention Awards*. Show organizers are thrilled to announce the three Canadian art professionals who will serve as jurors:

JT Winik, Visual Artist (Kingston), **Olexander Wlasenko**, Curator, Station Gallery (Whitby), and **Alice Vander Vennen**, Mixed Media & Textile Artist (Cobourg).

Jurors will work together remotely again this year.

AWARD WINNERS

Similar to last year, winners of the five Jurors' Choice Awards, five Honourable Mentions, and the Community Art Builder Award will be announced in social media and posted on Art in the County's website.

Jurors' Choice Awards (\$250 each) and Honourable Mentions (\$100 each) are supported by local businesses, including Arts on Main Gallery, County Dental Care, Family Dentistry@Picton, Gilbert & Lighthall Marketplace, jeffreyscott, Picton Home Hardware, Printcraft, StayPEC, and The Local Store.

Art in the County is grateful for the continued support of Elizabeth Crombie Real Estate Team, Royal LePage ProAlliance Realty Brokerage, Sage Design & Construction, and welcomes Pretsell Davies Thompson Benton LLP and StayPEC as new Supporting Sponsors. With the support of our wonderful sponsors, the organizing committee is looking forward to showcasing and celebrating the extraordinary talent of local artists in this 28th edition of the 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.

Art in the County is recognized as the premier art exhibition in Eastern Ontario. Since its inception in 1993, the show has hosted over 60,000 visitors, showcased more than 2,300 works of art by Prince Edward County artists, and has sold over \$350,000 worth of art to collectors, buyers and art lovers alike.

Artworks in a wide range of media are showcased, including watercolour, acrylic, oil and encaustic paintings, sculpture, fibre, wood, photography, ceramics, glass and more. This signature event of the summer season generates economic benefits for County businesses as well.