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ART IN THE COUNTY ANNOUNCES JURORS

April 21, 2022 – The Prince Edward County Arts Council, Elizabeth Crombie Real Estate Team, Royal LePage ProAlliance Realty Brokerage, and the 29th Annual Art in the County Organizing Committee are honoured to announce the three professional artists who will jury this year’s exhibition and sale.

Jurors are solely responsible for the show’s content, as well as selecting the five Jurors’ Choice Awards and five Honourable Mentions.

Gordon Shadrach, Painter

Toronto-based artist [Gordon Shadrach](#) was born and raised in Brampton, Ontario. Gordon received his Bachelor of Design (Media Art and Design) from OCAD University and has a Master of Education degree from Niagara University. He is known for exploring the semiotics of dress and its impact on culture, in particular the intersection and codification of race and fashion through his painting and textile based work. In 2018, Gordon’s painting, “In Conversation”, was included in an exhibit developed by the Royal Ontario Museum titled, “Here We Are Here: Black Canadian Contemporary Art” touring to Montreal and Halifax. His work now includes textile installations, as well as portraits. He is currently represented through United Contemporary Gallery in Toronto.

Gordon’s community engagement includes working with Toronto’s Nia Centre for the Arts as a creative consultant for their Left of Centre artist incubation project. He is also working with Toronto’s Nia Centre for the Arts and with Dr. Elizabeth (Dori) Tunstill, Dean of Design at OCADU, as a team member to develop and implement the Black Youth Design Initiative (BYDI), which aims to engage Black youth by decolonizing design and addressing the systemic anti-Black racism that impedes Black communities from pursuing education in design.

Felicity Somerset, Fine Art Photographer

[Felicity Somerset](#) is a fine art photographer based in Toronto. Her photographic subjects are often drawn from landscape and nature in both Canadian and international locations. She is also inspired by the impact of time and weather on wooden and metal surfaces, and the play of light on contemporary architecture. Her focus is on the intimate and often abstracted image that captures the essence and intricacies of rural and urban landscapes.

Felicity’s photography is exhibited regularly in galleries and public spaces, and includes both solo and group exhibitions. Her photographic images are in the permanent collections of the Art Gallery of Northumberland and the Lennox and Addington County Museum and Archives. Felicity values her connections with the art community, and is a member of the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto, the Canadian Association of Photographic Arts (CAPA), and the Artists’ Network. Felicity completed the CAPA’s National Judging Course in 2009, and has experience as a juror in a variety of artistic media.

Debra Vincent, Mixed Media Artist

[Debra Vincent](#) is a Bear Clan member of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, residing in her ancestral Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) community of Tyendinaga. Debra is drawn to clean lines and bold colours, and uses acrylics, mixed mediums, water colours, and pen and ink to communicate her ever-evolving aesthetic. As a Haudenosaunee artist, she is inspired by the opportunity to share her culture with others. Threads of Haudenosaunee knowledge, Mohawk clan systems, and teachings of the Great Law of Peace are ever present in her work. With this, each piece is personal.

Debra is a member of the Indigenous Arts Collective of Canada and a member of the Prince Edward County Arts Council's Artist Advisory Committee. Her work has been shown throughout Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. Commissioned pieces are held by Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, Queen's University, and personal clients. The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada has been presented with Debra's art.

"I am so pleased to see a diversity of voices and perspectives on this year's jury," says Janna Smith, Executive Director, Prince Edward County Arts Council. "Creating an inclusive environment that welcomes all artists and arts patrons is very important to us as a community arts council."

Art in the County will take place from **June 17 - July 4, 2022** at The Bunker, lower level of The Armoury building, Picton and online at <http://www.artinthecounty.com>.