



## 25th Annual Juried Show and Sale

The Armoury, 206 Picton Main Street - Rear Entrance  
June 22 to July 8 2018, [www.artinthecounty.com](http://www.artinthecounty.com)



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### **AITC Turns 25 with a Record Number of Entrants!**

**June 22, 2018** (Picton, ON) - Since its inception in 1993, the annual Art in the County Juried Show and Sale (AITC) has grown in scope and stature to become Eastern Ontario's premier juried art exhibition, showcasing the highest 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. **This year saw a record number of entrants, with 104 artists submitting 180 works of art** - a testament to the show's success and to the growing number of artists residing in Prince Edward County.

Three renowned art professionals were solely responsible for jurying this year's exhibition, selecting **120 works of art** in a wide range of media by **86 Prince Edward County artists**. They were also responsible for selecting the winners of 5 Jurors' Choice Awards and 5 Honourable Mentions.

#### **The jurors for the 2018 exhibition were:**

- **Wendy Cain**, Printmaker & Papermaker; Past Associate Professor of Art, and Past Chair of Printmaking, OCAD University (Toronto)
- **Daniel Hughes**, Portrait Artist (Kingston)
- **Olexander Wlasenko**, Artist & Curator at Station Gallery (Whitby)

At this year's Opening Reception, sponsored by **Mayeski Mathers LLP & Oeno Gallery** with wine provided by **Broken Stone Winery**, beer by **Parsons Brewing Company**, and food provided by **Seedlings**, cheers erupted as each of the following artist names were announced:

#### **Honourable Mentions**

<b>Artist</b>	<b>Artwork Title</b>	<b>Medium</b>
1. Pat Borecky	Roots	Fabric collage
2. Graham Davies	1941 - Ghost of the Blitz	Analog b&w handprinted montage
3. Pauline Dinham	Hanging Garden	Acrylic on plexiglass
4. Dianne Kehoe	Reveling in Energy	Acrylic
5. Rick Matthews	Green Wave	Photography

## Jurors' Choice Award Winners

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
6. Tom Ashbourne	Celestial	Cloud Alabaster
7. Andrew Innes	Dahlias at Dawn	Watercolour on paper
8. Mia Lane	High Tea	Oil on board
9. Milé Murtanovski	Pearls of Wisdom	Oil on wood panel
10. Wendy Vervoot	2DBur	Plant material

Founded in 2015, renowned Canadian painter & County resident Otto Donald Rogers annually selects one example of excellence in artistic expression from all works juried into the Art in the County show.

## Otto Rogers' Award of Excellence

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Annik Després	Before Winter	Oil on canvas

These awards have a total value of over \$2,000 and would not be possible without the support of the following: Otto Rogers, Sue Barclay, Books & Company, The Maker's Hand, SideStreet Gallery, City Revival, Family Dentistry @ Picton, The Manse Inn & Spa, and Frugal & Company.

The 25th Annual Art in the County Juried Exhibition and Sale opens to the public on **June 22** and continues daily through **Sunday July 8, 2018** at **The Armoury**, 206 Main Street in Picton (enter through Studio Ex door off of Mary Street). Opening hours are from **10 AM to 6 PM** daily (until 5 PM on Sundays, 3 PM on July 8). Admission is \$3 for adults. Free for children under 12 years. Please use municipal parking lot on Mary Street, corner Elizabeth Street.

**Oeno Gallery** will join in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations by offering a gift certificate of \$1000 to every Art in the County art buyer to use for a purchase of art at Oeno Gallery, valued at greater than \$3000.

In celebration of Canada Day, admission to Art in the County is FREE to everyone on July 1<sup>st</sup>, thanks to the generous support of the **Elizabeth Crombie Real Estate Team, Royal LePage ProAlliance Realty Brokerage**. Everyone is invited to come and see the show, and share in some birthday cake!

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