



25th Annual Juried Show and Sale

The Armoury, 206 Picton Main Street - Rear Entrance
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AITC Announces Winner of Inaugural Community Arts Builder Award!

June 22, 2018 (Picton, ON) – At last night’s Opening Reception of the 25th Annual Art in the County Juried Exhibition and Sale, the inaugural **Community Arts Builder Award** was given to Peter and Alice Mennacher, Owners of Blizzmax Gallery.

A new initiative sponsored by **Laurie Gruer, Sam Simone & Monica Klingenberg of Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited Brokerage**, the Community Arts Builder Award celebrates individuals who have enriched community life through the arts. Local residents were invited to nominate worthy candidates. The award includes a \$250 monetary gift.

The selection committee, composed of Shirley Lewchuk, Laurie Gruer, and Sarah Moran, found it very difficult to select among the many very qualified candidates, but are “**delighted to recognize the years of service, and both the breadth of commitment and support that Peter and Alice Mennacher have given to the visual arts community**”.

As Directors and Curators of one of the first galleries in the County, Peter and Alice have not only brought together artists of various disciplines, but have also demonstrated a commitment to the visual arts, to County artists themselves, and to the community at large.

Their support has also gone beyond the traditional- pushing artists to go beyond established boundaries, and encouraging them to do new things, looking at art in new ways.

In addition to their activities through Blizzmax Gallery, Peter and Alice have been volunteers on various community boards, bringing their artistic vision to initiatives at The Regent Theatre and the Prince Edward County Jazz Festival.

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