



26th Annual Juried Show and Sale

The Mess Hall, The Armoury, 206 Picton Main Street
June 21 to July 7 2019, www.artinthecounty.com



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AITC INAUGURATES NEW SPACE IN THE ARMOURY

June 21, 2019 (Picton, ON) – From June 21 to July 7, the 26th Annual Art in the County will welcome residents and visitors to The Mess Hall, a new multipurpose event space in The Armoury, Picton.

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 a diverse range of 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 120 artists submitting 217 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 **107 works of art** in a wide range of media by **75 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 2019 exhibition were:

- **Rebecca Last**, Painter & Lecturer (Toronto)
- **Fynn Leitch**, Curator Art Gallery of Peterborough (Peterborough)
- **Cheryl Wilson-Smith**, Sculptural Glass Artist (Red Lake, ON)

At this year's Opening Reception, sponsored by **Mathers Law & Sage Design & Construction** with wine provided by **Broken Stone Winery**, cider by **The County Cider Company**, and food provided by **Bloomfield Public House**, cheers erupted as each of the following artist names were announced:

Jurors' Choice Award Winners

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
1. Mehdi Agahi	Quiet Warrior	Photograph giclée print
2. Pat Busscher	Vista	Water media
3. Marion Casson	Throw - County Sunrise	Nuno felting
4. claudia mccabe	Dreamt	Acrylic
5. Shani Mootoo	So It Is	Photograph

Honourable Mentions

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
6. Jennifer Topaz Bruce	Time Matters	Acrylic
7. Graham Davies	As Time Goes By	Analog photography hand printed
8. Dayna Law	Slip Slidin' Away	Acrylic
9. Laura Morris	Prickly Walk	Acrylic mixed media
10. Sam Serrano	Primary	Photograph

These awards have a total cash value of nearly \$2,000 and would not be possible without the support of the following businesses: Angeline's Inn/House of Falconer, City Revival, County Dental Care, Family Dentistry @ Picton, Frugal & Company, Picton Home Hardware, Side Street Gallery, Terra Vista Landscape, and The Manse Boutique Inn.

Maison Depoivre Award

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Dianne Kehoe	Wake Up!	Acrylic

This inaugural award recognizes a work that demonstrates risk-taking and originality, technical skill, and is thought provoking. The award recipient will be invited to exhibit their work at Maison Depoivre Gallery for the remainder of the 2019 season. The jurors selected a winner from three finalists as chosen by Gallery owners Christophe Doussot and Vincent Depoivre.

The 26th Annual Art in the County Juried Exhibition and Sale opens to the public on **June 21** and continues daily through **Sunday July 7, 2019** in The Mess Hall at **The Armoury**, 206 Main Street, Picton. Opening hours are from **10 AM to 6 PM** daily (until 5 PM on Sundays, 2 PM on July 7). Admission is \$3 for adults. Free for children under 12 years. Please use municipal parking lot on Mary Street, corner Elizabeth Street.

In celebration of Canada Day, admission to Art in the County is FREE to everyone on July 1st, 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!

The Art in the County Organizing Committee would like to acknowledge that the community lost an outstanding artist in April 2019- Otto Donald Rogers. Otto was a renowned Canadian painter and sculptor and a friend to Art in the County. For the past seven years he shared with us his passion for art by sponsoring the Award of Excellence. As a gesture of gratitude and respect, Art in the County organizers would like to dedicate this year's show to the memory of Otto Donald Rogers.

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.