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Krista Dalby Recipient of 2nd Annual Community Arts Builder Award

June 21, 2019 (Picton, ON) – At last night’s Opening Reception of Art in the County, the 2nd annual **Community Arts Builder Award** was presented to Krista Dalby.

Sponsored by **Sam Simone, Monica Klingenberg & Laurie Gruer 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 deserving candidates. The award includes a \$250 monetary gift.

The selection committee composed of Shirley Lewchuk, Laurie Gruer, and Sarah Moran stated, “**It is impossible not to be aware of Krista Dalby, if you have any form of interest in the arts community of Prince Edward County. She seems to be everywhere! Art in the County and the PEC Arts Council are indeed proud to be able to present Krista with this award**”.

Krista Dalby is an accomplished playwright, director, visual artist, puppeteer and producer of theatre and public festivals. She has inspired people of all ages through year-round initiatives she has helped to initiate, organize, coordinate, and/or manage.

Krista is the Artistic Director of The Department of Illumination. Founded in 2013 by a group of artists who came together to create the now beloved Firelight Lantern Festival, their work expanded this past February to include ICE BOX. With a mission to create magical arts experiences that are accessible to everyone in the community, The Department of Illumination recently became an incorporated not-for-profit organization. An integral part of the preparations for both festivals is to engage the community in marking art together through special workshops and school visits.

Additional annual community festivals that Krista has established include the Scarecrow Festival, Adventure PEC, and Silobration. These have become well-attended, highly successful and meaningful events. Krista is one of the organizers behind Creative Rural Minds, a quarterly meet-up for local artists, makers and entrepreneurs. Along with her husband painter Milé Murtanovski, Krista also runs artist-in-residence programs at their studio Small Pond Arts.

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.