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Prince Edward County's Creative Vitality on Display!

June 17, 2021 (Picton, ON) – The Art in the County Organizing Committee is pleased to announce the 2021 award winners from the 28th annual juried exhibition. This year's winners represent an especially wide range of media and subject matter.

"I am thrilled that we are able to offer such a diverse show," says Committee Chair Amy Shubert. "The artistic community pulled together through a very challenging year, and I am excited for art lovers to view the talent of our County artists."

Presented by the Prince Edward County Arts Council and Welch LLP, the Art in the County annual show and sale brings together the largest number of artworks by local artists. The exhibit is open to members of the Prince Edward County Arts Council who are residents or ratepayers of Prince Edward County. Qualifying artists were invited to enter up to two original works of art in any media.

The committee was delighted to receive 149 submissions by 85 artists. The number of submissions was on par with last year, but with many new entrants. "The sheer volume of quality production submitted for consideration commented on the visionary breadth and creative vitality in your community," says Juror Olexander Wlasenko.

The three recognized arts professionals, who were solely responsible for jurying this year's exhibition, selected **98 works** of art by **63 artists**.

The 2021 Jurors were:

- **Alice Vander Vennen**, Mixed Media & Textile Artist (Cobourg & Toronto)
- **Olexander Wlasenko**, Curator, Station Gallery (Whitby)
- **JT Winik**, Visual Artist (Kingston)

"I was impressed by the scope of entries," continues Juror Alice Vander Vennen. "It truly felt like a community coming together to present what they do and who they are. The show embraced a wide range of talent and creativity that in turn depicted the strength and resilience of the Prince Edward County community."

The jurors were also responsible for selecting **5 Jurors' Choice Awards and 5 Honourable Mentions**.

"The works of art chosen demonstrate a broad gamut of material, experimental and conceptual range," says Wlasenko. "Albeit diverse, each of the short-listed works shares a formal rigor and artistic sincerity reserved for the finest examples of cultural production. The cultural and material diversity of the area is

reflected in this online exhibition. Our felicitations go to all the artists who submitted work to the 2021 edition of the annual juried exhibition.”

Jurors' Choice Award Winners

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Josh Connell	Hope	Charcoal
Holly Crain	One Love – 511 Dundas St W	Oil on canvas
Dianne Kehoe	Chardonnay!	Acrylic on canvas
Michael Lindon	Facing the Future	Photography
Tassie Notar	Backyard Bog	Acrylic

Honourable Mentions

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Laura Jean Campbell	symbiotic growth during a pandemic	Oil on birch
Iris Casey	Corvus Aviator Septem	Wrapped wire, recycled items
Pauline Dinham	Titania	Merino, silk and beads
Stewart Jones	Night Lines w Jupiter_HWY 33	Oil on canvas
Rhonda Nolan	that beautiful feeling	Mixed media

Awards have a total cash value of \$1,750 thanks to the support of the following businesses: Arts on Main Gallery, County Dental Care, Family Dentistry @ Picton, Gilbert & Lighthall Marketplace, jeffreyscott, Picton Home Hardware, Printcraft, Stay PEC, and The Local Store.

Since 1993, Art in the County 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.

As in 2020, this year's show is presented online due to the pandemic. Beginning **June 18**, visitors will find a link to the exhibition on Art in the County's homepage: **www.artinthecounty.com**.

The show closes at 11:59 p.m. on July 4. All works are for sale. Shipping, delivery, or pick-up is coordinated directly with the artist.

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.