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**Prince Edward County's Creative Resilience on Display**

**June 16, 2022** (Picton, ON) – The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the County Organizing Committee is pleased to announce the 2022 award winners, which represent a wide range of media and subject matter.

**Presented by the Prince Edward County Arts Council and Elizabeth Crombie Real Estate Team**, Art in the County 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 160 submissions by 95 artists.**

"I am overjoyed to see the artwork displayed in-person once again," says Committee Co-chair Amy Shubert. "The artistic community has been eagerly anticipating this day for two years. We are very excited for residents and visitors to view the incredible talent of local artists, curated so beautifully by Maison Depoivre Gallery."

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.

"We are very fortunate to live in a vibrant creative community," says Committee Co-chair Christophe Doussot, "and I am thrilled and grateful to be involved in such a special event that plays a key role in the promotion of so many local artists. This year's show is definitely a must-see for all art-lovers."

The three jurors, who were solely responsible for jurying this year's exhibition, selected **102 works** of art by **74 artists**.

**2022 Jurors:**

- **Gordon Shadrach**, Visual Artist (Toronto)
- **Felicity Somerset**, Fine Art Photographer (Toronto)
- **Debra Vincent**, Mixed Media Artist (Tyendinaga)

The jurors were also responsible for selecting 5 Jurors' Choice Awards, 5 Honourable Mentions, Maison Depoivre Award, and the inaugural Carson Arthur Award.

## Honourable Mentions

<b>Artist</b>	<b>Artwork Title</b>	<b>Medium</b>
Pam Mayhew	Late Afternoon Glow	Oil on birch panel
Florence Chik-Lau	Over the Edge	Acrylic on canvas
Pauline Dinham	Relic?	Mulberry paper, Merino wool, Sumi ink
Leslie Fruman	Wall Flower	Ceramic & stone
Vicki Bradley	Taking Flight	Weaving

## Jurors' Choice Award Winners

<b>Artist</b>	<b>Artwork Title</b>	<b>Medium</b>
Josh Connell	Holding On	Charcoal
Stewart Jones	@ The Regent Theatre	Oil on canvas
Laura Dick	Heartbreaker	Oil on canvas
Paul Verrall	Snowy Owl on the Prowl	Spanish Alabaster
Bill Stearman	I can't keep quiet. For anyone. Not anymore.	Quilt

## Maison Depoivre Award

<b>Artist</b>	<b>Artwork Title</b>	<b>Medium</b>
Josh Connell	Paradise Lost	Charcoal

## Carson Arthur Award

<b>Artist</b>	<b>Artwork Title</b>	<b>Medium</b>
Jason Pettit	Winter Marsh	Photography

Awards have a total cash value of \$2,000 thanks to the support of the following businesses: 2gallery, Angeline's Inn, Arts on Main Gallery, Carson Arthur, Family Dentistry @ Picton, Gilbert & Lighthall Marketplace, Kingston Frameworks, Picton Home Hardware, Printcraft, and The Local Store.

## Open Daily from June 17 - July 4

The 29<sup>th</sup> edition of Art in the County opens in-person on the lower level of The Armoury in Picton **June 17**. Visitors will be able to view an online version of the exhibition on Art in the County's homepage. The show closes at 2 p.m. on July 4. All works are for sale.

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).