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### **Sarah Moran Receives 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Arts Builder Award**

June 16, 2022 (Picton, ON:) The Prince Edward County Arts Council and Art in the County are pleased to present the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Community Arts Builder Award to Sarah Moran, arts champion, community connector, and volunteer extraordinaire.

Sponsored by Monica Klingenberg and Laurie Gruer of Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited Brokerage, the award celebrates individuals who have enriched community life through the arts as nominated by local residents; it includes a \$250 monetary gift. Previous winners include Kato Wake, Visual Artist & Instructor (2021); Hri Neil, Carbon Art and Design (2020); Krista Dalby, Department of Illumination (2019); and Alice and Peter Mennacher, Blizzmax Gallery (2018).

The 2022 selection committee of Laurie Gruer, Monica Klingenberg and Catelyn Thornton stated: "Sarah Moran is an outstanding choice for this award. Her contributions to the arts community have been very broad-based, and have been offered over many years. Sarah has always been ready to step in where needed, even on short notice, and has been adept in any area she fills. From the radio station, to the PEC Arts Council...and in between!...she has been so competent, so resourceful, and so pleasant in her interactions. We can't think of a more worthy recipient."

As one nominator said, "Sarah is a true champion to artists and the arts, quietly working to make a significant contribution to our community. She has served as volunteer board member for County Arts (PEC Arts Council) for many years where she expertly led two (2!) successive and very successful strategic planning processes. As she has just ended her term on the County Arts board on May 31, this is a perfect and fitting opportunity to celebrate and thank the much-loved and admired Sarah Moran for her outstanding contributions to the arts sector of PEC."

Sarah grew up in the Forest of Dean, UK, graduated from London and Oxford universities and emigrated to Canada in 1986. She worked in strategic planning for J. Walter Thompson advertising in London, New York and Toronto, as vice president and

president. Some clients with whom she worked are: SickKids, Nestle, University of Toronto, Canadian Cancer Society, IBM, Tim Hortons. Sarah is trained in qualitative research, creative problem solving, and workshop facilitation.

Sarah has lived in the County since 1991, retiring in 2014. She's a volunteer serving as former First Vice Chair of the Prince Edward County Arts Council, a leading member of the group that saved and supports Picton Town Hall for community use, volunteer at Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory, Milford Fair organiser, and co-host of Artscene on 99.3 County FM.

"The Community Arts Builder Award is a great award," says Sarah Moran. "It reminds us of how essential the arts are to giving meaning to our lives and how essential community is to our sense of belonging. I am so grateful and humbled to be recognized for my tiny part in contributing to this. I am just one of many people here who also believe in art and community and who work hard to build both. Thank you a million times to each one of you who has said "yes" when I asked for your help... so many times. Thank you for sharing Arts Council projects with me, doing Artscene interviews together or joining in the work, led by Janna Smith, of supporting young artists, broadening services to artists or nurturing the diversity of the arts and artists here. This award may be coming to me at this moment, but for me it highlights and awards each one of you who contribute too. Thank you so much."

For more information about the Community Arts Builder Award, visit:  
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