



ART IN THE COUNTY

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Art in the County Announces 2024 Award Winners

June 21, 2024 (Picton, ON) – The 31st Annual Art in the County Organizing Committee is pleased to announce the 2024 award winners, which represent a wide range of media and subject matter. Awards have a total cash value of \$3,500 thanks to the support of local businesses (complete list available at artinthecounty.com).

Presented by the Prince Edward County Arts Council, 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.

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 such a vibrant creative community," says Committee Interim Chair Janna Smith, "and Art in the County is a moment to celebrate the artists who contribute to that vibrancy. As the largest show in recent memory, it is truly an exhibition for all art-lovers."

The three jurors, who were solely responsible for jurying this year's exhibition, selected **125 works** of art by **88 artists**.

2024 Jurors:

- **Darren Rigo**, Photographer (Toronto)
- **Aylan Couchie**, Artist, Curator & Writer (Nippissing First Nation)
- **Claire Kyle**, Art Expert (Toronto)

The jurors were also responsible for selecting 1 Jurors' Choice Award and 3 Honourable Mentions, and assisted with the selection of the Maison Depoivre Award, Carson Arthur Award, and Akasha Art Projects Award winners.

Honourable Mentions

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Janet Comeau	Red Sky at Morning	Cross-stitched Landscape
Gabriela Mueller	The Last Rays	Acrylic on canvas
Judy Clark	Suppertime, BSP	Oil on canvas

Jurors' Choice Award Winner

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Pamela Carter	Heart Song	Oil on canvas

Maison Depoivre Award

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Renee Lortie	Together	Textile, punch needle, wool and cotton

Akasha Art Projects Award

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Judith Librach	Love	Photography

Carson Arthur Award

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Nancy Moore	The Silence of Winter	Acrylic

Oeno Gallery Award of Excellence

Artist	Artwork Title	Medium
Bill Stearman	Fix the Village! Trans Rights Are Human Rights	Fabric Quilt

Open Daily from June 21 - July 7 at the County Arts Lab

The 31st edition of Art in the County opens in-person on **June 21** at the County Arts Lab, main street level of the Picton Armoury. Open daily from 10-6pm, until 5pm on Sundays, and until 2pm on July 7. All works are for sale, with 65% of proceeds going to the artist. As a charitable organization, we are also exempt from charging HST. The public can also view an online version of the exhibition on Art in the County's homepage.

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.