

Arts Quinte West

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The purpose of Arts Quinte West is to bring together people of all disciplines of the Arts with a common goal to encourage, promote and showcase their talents by staging appropriate events in Quinte West thereby raising awareness of the Arts and enhancing the quality of life in the community.

A Quarterly Newsletter

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2009 Activities

Arts Quinte West was busy in 2009, promoting the arts in Quinte West in a variety of venues and events.

In April, we were pleased to take part in the **Quinte West Home Show**. Approximately twelve artists provided several works each for our booth. Over the two and a half days of the show, several hundred people stopped by to see the creations of our talented artists and learn about our future activities. It was a perfect opportunity to introduce our group to the community and to promote the Spring Studio Tour.

Our first **Spring Studio Tour** was held on June 13 and 14. We were blessed with a warm and sunny weekend (one of the last of the summer!) and we were pleased with the turnout for our first such event, particularly in Trenton. Thirteen venues in Trenton, Frankford, Wooler and Oak Hills, both personal studios and public galleries, presented 16 of our artists as well as guests from the Different Strokes Art Group.

Our **Support Our Troops - Kids Art Banner** event on Canada Day at Centennial Park in Trenton was a huge success. Children were



Arts Quinte West at Canada Day 2009

invited to participate in creating an art banner to be sent to our troops in Afghanistan. The kids did a fabulous job of creating a joyous, colourful banner full of hope and best wishes. The banner was hung at City Hall in Quinte West before being handed over to CFB Trenton for presentation in Afghanistan. There is a lot of artistic talent in Quinte West's children and we're happy to help to nurture and support that talent. Special thanks to Randall's Copy Centre for the donation of the banner.

During the summer, a few of our artists showed their work in conjunction with

Concerts in the Park presented by the Trenton DBIA.

We held our second annual Arts Quinte West **Autumn Show & Sale** on October 16 & 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Trenton. On Friday, October 16th, we presented our work in conjunction with the Quinte West Chamber of Commerce food & wine event **Savour**. Our main show took place on Saturday, October 17 and the many visitors were impressed at the range and quality of the artwork on offer.



Arts Quinte West Spring Studio Tour 2009

We were pleased with the events we presented in 2009 and the positive response we received from the Quinte West community. We look forward to the activities we have planned for 2010.

We'd love to have you join us in 2010!

WELCOME FROM THE
CHAIR

Welcome to Arts Quinte West and welcome to our very first Newsletter.

It was just two and a half years ago that a small group of Arts-interested folks met with a common interest to promote and showcase the Arts in Quinte West.

All agreed that there was a cultural void in our city that needed to be filled.

In every community the Arts have helped to enhance the quality of life for its inhabitants and our area has so much potential for growth and tourism and is home to so many talented people in all disciplines of the Arts.

Several successful public Art events were held last year and by staging them we enjoyed not only the interest and encouragement shown by the public but also the camaraderie that is so unique among like-minded arts people.

We have exciting events planned again for 2010, with room for more, and our successes can only increase with your interest and participation.

The commitment is there to serve our members and we welcome you and your ideas.

I wish to thank all those that have worked so tirelessly in the past to arrive at the position where we are as a group today and I especially wish to thank the City of Quinte West and the Quinte West Chamber of Commerce for their continued support.

Yours in art,

Christine Pellati



Plans for 2010

We have a variety of activities planned for 2010 to showcase the artists of Quinte West. There are many exhibition opportunities for our members as well as community outreach events.

Quinte West Home Show

Once again, we will start the year with a booth at the **Quinte West Home Show** on **April 16, 17 & 18**. Our double-sized booth can accommodate a large number of works and we hope to introduce many new artists to the show's expected 2000+ visitors. For further information or to take part in the exhibit, please contact Maggie George at Riverside Music, 613-394-4891 or by email at riversidemusic@cogeco.ca

Spring Studio Tour

The Arts Quinte West **Spring Studio Tour** will be held on **June 12 & 13**. Most venues will be in Trenton and we are encouraging out-of-town artists to partner with in-town venues to capitalize on the larger population base there. To take part in the tour, please contact Christine Pellati at cpellati@sympatico.ca.

Canada Day

Canada Day will see us back at Centennial Park for another event focused on the budding young artists in our community. We are looking for new ideas for this event to provide a fun and enriching art experience for the kids of Quinte West. We are also seeking a project leader for this event, so please let Christine Pellati know that you'd like to get involved.

Downtown Festival on the Bay

July will see the evolution of the downtown sidewalk sale into the **Trenton Downtown "Festival on the Bay"**. Presented by the Downtown Business Improvement Association, new events and entertainment will turn downtown Trenton and the waterfront into a fun-filled venue on July 15-17. On **Saturday, July 17**, Arts Quinte West will present a day-long Art in the Park exhibit in Fraser Park. A project leader for this event will be announced shortly.

Art in the Park

We are looking at possible dates for a single **Art in the Park** event in conjunction with Concerts in the Park for a Friday evening in the late summer.

Savour

October will see us back at the Knights of Columbus Hall twice, first for the **Savour**

General Meeting Notice

AQW is excited about holding its **first general meeting and membership drive** on March 25. We're inviting all interested artists and arts supporters in Quinte West and the surrounding area to join our growing organization.

At the meeting, we'll confirm the Interim Chair and Committee Leaders for 2010, explain our proposed constitution and membership guidelines, and provide an update on the events we have planned for 2010.

We'll also have a presentation by one of our members, photographer and website designer Penny Olorenshaw, on **Putting Your Art Online**. Penny will provide a brief overview of ways you can show (and sell!) your work to a wider audience via the Internet, from posting your work in online galleries to creating your own website. Discussion of technical issues of image resolution and copyright will be included.

We hope you'll join us and be part of growing the arts in Quinte West.

Thursday, March 25, 2010
Knights of Columbus Hall
57 Stella Crescent, Trenton
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

For more information, contact Suzanne Andrews at the Quinte West Chamber of Commerce, 613-392-7635, or Carryl Postma at 613-392-0957.

event on **Friday, October 15** and then for our Autumn Show & Sale at the end of the month. **Savour** is a food and wine event presented by the Quinte West Chamber of Commerce. Arts Quinte West has been invited to set up a booth to represent our members and will be a great opportunity to promote our own show later in the month.

Autumn Show & Sale

On **Saturday, October 30**, third annual **Autumn Show & Sale** will be our final major event of the season and will feature 15-20 artists from a variety of disciplines. The show is a great start to the Christmas sales season so invite your friends to drop by, cross a few items off their gift lists and put some art under the tree. Carryl Postma will be the project leader for both events at the Knights of Columbus Hall; to exhibit or volunteer, contact Carryl at cpostma1@cogeco.ca.

State of the Arts in Quinte West

Quinte West is rich in artistic talent and venues that present and support the arts. Please help us to expand this list.

Through the Quinte Arts Council's **Art in the Community** program:

- Riverside Music Studio
- The Office of Mayor John Williams
- The Office of MPP Lou Rinaldi (Northumberland)
- Royal Bank

Arts Quinte West at the **Quinte West Medical Centre**

Galleries:

- Quinte Art & Custom Frame
- Stockdale Mill Gallery and Studio
- Timberwolf Gallery
- Riverside Galleries

Music Studios

- Riverside Music Studio
- Arpeggio Guitar Boutique & Studios
- Ardens Music

Dance Schools

- Carol Brown School of Dance
- Trenton School of Dance

Theatre Groups & Venues

- My Theatre (The Bay of Quinte Community Players)
- Old Church Theatre (Johnstown)

Henry Mitchell



I worked in the newspaper business when I was young. I served Queen and country in the RAF and became a little younger. Coming to Toronto, I worked my way through the ranks of the typesetting business for 15 years before growing up and becoming part owner of a typographic art studio servicing the advertising industry. That came to a crashing end 13 years later and I became a studio manager in an advertising agency in Calgary, which I loved. Coming back to Toronto in 1998, I found a lovely part-time job as a fraud detective for a bank.

I had painted since I was 12 and happily fell back into it here and there. But now in my part-time job I grew again and began to paint seriously, but only part-time.

Painting full-time is wonderful madness. I love bright colours. I love expanding reality to meet imagination. I love the sigh in my head when it works. I love to watch people smile when they look at my work. They are entertained.

I believe that all art is an entertainment and I paint to entertain.

Carryl Postma



Carryl's artistic specialty is in Home Portraits and Historical Properties in watercolour and pen. In addition, her work includes unique abstract paintings in oil or acrylic on canvas or wood.

Carryl resides and works in Trenton where she enjoys her family while encouraging and promoting new artists in the area to challenge themselves to develop their talent.

"My entire life has lead me to this time where I am able to express myself through painting. Every piece also has its time, they are created in the order they are meant to be. My intuition tells me which piece I am to start and a higher power tells me what the piece is to be. For me, art is not by chance, it is a succession of my creative self. Linked to my own evolution, a display for all to see.

"Whether I choose to work with watercolour, acrylics, enamels, oil or multi-media, my passion for expression is limitless. Each piece encompasses many layers as complex as life itself."

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<http://artquintewest.blogspot.com/>

Get info on AQW events:
www.artsquintewest.ca

Lisa Farrell



Growing up I was always painting, drawing and designing clothes or homes. In high school I was fortunate to be able to take classes in Art History, Commercial Art, Drafting and multi-media Fine Art. After high school I moved to Toronto to achieve my diploma in Fashion Design from Seneca College. I also took courses at the Ontario College of Art for my own interest.

I painted sporadically before managing a Decorative Arts Studio in Nova Scotia. At this studio I had endless opportunity to take classes. As a result, I soon began painting obsessively. Shortly after, I started teaching classes at the studio while continuing to attend as many seminars as possible.

I enjoy painting a variety of realistic subjects with a special interest in water and sky-scapes, including lighthouses, which I attribute to living in the Maritimes and growing up near a lighthouse on Lake Huron. For personal and artistic growth I like to attend work shops exploring new and experimental mediums. I teach seminars to small groups primarily in oils.

My artwork is displayed at events organized by Arts Quinte West and the Brighton Arts Council as well as at various local art shows.



Geisha Girl by Danielle Le Corvez Pearson Acrylic on watercolour paper 14"x14"

Join Arts Quinte West

Membership in Arts Quinte West is very affordable and a great way to have more opportunities to promote your work.

Membership is open to artists of all disciplines from Quinte West and the surrounding area. We welcome students 16 years of age and up to join. Arts Quinte West welcomes involvement from arts supporters and patrons, organizations and businesses within Quinte West.

Annual membership fees:

Individual	\$25
Student	\$10 (non-voting)
Corporate	\$40

Becoming a member of Arts Quinte West gives you access to the latest information on cultural events in the Quinte region including theatre & music performances, visual art and craft tours and exhibitions. Thanks to our membership in the Quinte Arts Council, all AQW members receive the weekly Arts Calendar.

Members also receive, and may be featured in, the AQW newsletter, as well as a variety of valuable membership benefits including promotional and exhibition opportunities, voting privileges at our annual general meeting and the opportunity to display your work and promote your events on our art blog.

Membership fees are deductible from artwork sales income.

Steering Committee

Chair: Christine Pellati
Treasurer: Suzanne Andrews
Secretary: Carryl Postma
Communications: Penny Olorenshaw, Lisa Farrell, Henry Mitchell
Governance: Amy Worrick, Maggie George, Christine Pellati

Special Thanks

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