

# Arts Quinte West ARTSCAST

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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*Great value - low cost!*

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## 2011 Update

2011 is off to a great start for Arts Quinte West!

We've been involved in a variety of events and displays so far this year, with much more planned for the next few months. We've had great success so far with our themed displays at City Hall in Trenton. See page 4 as well as our website for more details.

Our **Annual General Meeting** was held March 25 at Club Nitro in Trenton. We were treated to the first look at the new Arts Quinte West [website](#), built by local web services firm poloDesign. Guest speaker Andrew Redden,

Economic Development Officer for Hastings County, spoke to us about The Arts Route, a new initiative to increase awareness of the artists and artisans in Hastings County. Artists with studios that are open to the public are invited to join The Arts Route.

[www.artsroute.ca](http://www.artsroute.ca)

On April 15, 16 and 17, we were pleased to take part once again in the **Quinte West Home & Leisure Show**. Thirteen member artists displayed paintings, photographs and fabric art. It was a great opportunity for people to see the talent we have here in Quinte West.

2011 is off to a great start. Check page 2 for details about the rest of the events we have planned for the year. Come out and join us!



Arts Quinte West booth at the Quinte West Home & Leisure Show

### General Meeting Notice

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26.

Our guest speaker will be Bill Tomlinson, an artist and educator who helped to create the art program at Centennial Secondary School in Belleville. For more information on Bill, please see our website:

[artsquintewest.ca/calendar/28/21-AQW-General-Meeting](http://artsquintewest.ca/calendar/28/21-AQW-General-Meeting)

**Thursday, May 26, 2011**  
**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**  
**Club Nitro - NEW LOCATION for 2011**  
**8 Trenton Street, Trenton**  
**(beside Howard Johnson's Hotel)**

For more information, contact Deanna Bach-Talsma at 613-394-5730.

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## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

*As your President, I am pleased to announce that we have, for the third year running, gratefully received funds from the City of Quinte West to be used for the purpose of promoting the Arts in our community. I encourage you to sign up for the various events, to not only enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow artists, but also to show visitors to our displays what a vibrant and talented group we are, worthy of their support.*

*Our display at City Hall is garnering more and more interest from the public and it is a pleasure to see more members participating.*

*The new colourful artsquintewest.ca website is up and running and we would like to see more members take the initiative to sign on and showcase their work. It is a way of promoting your work to a much wider audience. There is help available to walk you through the process.*

*I emphasize that we are always open for new ideas from members. We still have room for two more members-at-large on the Board of Directors. It is your opportunity to help make the decisions that mold the future of Arts Quinte West. If you are interested you can email me at [c.pellati@acn.net](mailto:c.pellati@acn.net)*

*Yours in art,*

*Christine Pellati*

## Website Training

We have had over 1100 visitors to the website since the launch at the end of March! Is your art on the website yet? You should have received an email with login information and instructions on adding your details to the site. If you have not received your username and password, please let Penny know ([communications@artsquintewest.ca](mailto:communications@artsquintewest.ca)).

If you haven't yet added your information and would like some assistance, we will be offering more training sessions in June, dates TBA.

## Plans for 2011

*We have a variety of activities planned for 2011 to showcase the artists of Quinte West. There are many exhibition opportunities for our members as well as community outreach events.*

### Arts UpFront

We're going in a new direction with our spring event this year. Inspired by the success of similar events in Belleville and Warkworth, we have developed **Arts UpFront**, an exciting collaboration with Front Street businesses in downtown Trenton on **Saturday, June 4**. A first for Quinte West, artists will display their works in several Front Street businesses. We'll provide visitors with an **ArtsPort**, which, when signed at all six locations, will be entered in a draw for \$500 worth of art purchases from our artists. Make sure you come out and support the participating artists. Download a copy of the brochure and map from the event page on our website at [artsquintewest.ca](http://artsquintewest.ca). The lead for this event is Lisa Farrell [fareyre@hotmail.com](mailto:fareyre@hotmail.com).

### Canada Day

July 1 will see us back at Centennial Park for **Kids 'R Art**, an event focused on the budding young artists in our community. We have some great art activities lined up and are looking for volunteers to assist with setting up and supervising during the day. Please contact Christine Pellati at [c.pellati@acn.net](mailto:c.pellati@acn.net).

### Downtown Trenton's Festival on the Bay

On **Saturday, July 23**, Arts Quinte West will present a day-long Art in the Park exhibit as part of **Downtown Trenton's Festival on the Bay**, presented by the Downtown Business Improvement Association. Please contact Lisa Farrell to participate: [fareyre@hotmail.com](mailto:fareyre@hotmail.com).

### Trenton Scottish-Irish Festival

We were pleased to be asked by the festival's organizing committee to take part in this celebration of the Scottish and Irish heritage of the area. The event takes place on **Sept. 9&10**.

### Savour

Arts Quinte West has once again been invited by the Quinte West Chamber of Commerce to set up a booth at their **Savour** event on **Friday, October 14**, a great opportunity to promote our own show later in the month.

### Autumn Show & Sale

We have some terrific plans in the works for the autumn show but we can't say much about them just yet. We CAN tell you that this year's show will be the largest event we've put on to date and that it will be in a new venue, so plan to be part of it.

## AQW Business Members

We value our business members for their support of the arts in Quinte West. Use your membership card for members-only discounts while supporting local businesses.



**Professional, Affordable Framing!**  
25% Discount to AQW Members.



**Let's Talk Music!**  
15% Discount to AQW Members on selected instruments and accessories.



**Old Church Theatre**



**We've got your instrument**

10% Discount to AQW Members on various instruments and accessories.



Drama  
Comedy  
Musical Theatre



**Alignment is Everything**  
Free initial consultation for AQW members (value \$65).



10% Discount on printing to AQW Members.



10% discount on ski passes, Sunday Brunch, food, clothing and summer camp registration.



**Great Food, Great Atmosphere, Great River View!**

Get info on AQW events:  
[www.artsquintewest.ca](http://www.artsquintewest.ca)

### Cindy Eisenstadt

My affair with art started early in life when I was in grade school, eventually I graduated from Humber College with a graphic arts degree. Life then got in the way, as it usually does. Twenty plus years and two small children later, my husband suggested I rekindle the fire. This was the best gift he could have given me. I tackled watercolour painting and enjoyed the challenge immensely.



I have also recently experimented with acrylics and 3-D objects. Something had been missing in my life and now I feel that I have regained the balance. My family feeds my heart and my art feeds my soul.



### Jeff Keary

I decided at 13 to become a painter and painted a lot of works related to music - I could actually see music until I was 20 or so - synaesthesia I now understand it is called.

I studied in the sculpture department of an Art College that now is part of North Staffordshire University where I learnt to weld, cast in aluminum and carve stone. Then I transferred to a studio in the painting department to work on projects to do with the quality of transmitted light, like stained glass windows or lights shining through trees at night.



On holiday in Greece, I discovered Silk painting and it has been my abiding obsession for the last few years to produce wearable art of artistic significance.

My wife Tracey and I live in the former Rednersville Church, which is my studio/showroom. We are making the church hall into our home. "It's all good" as you Canadians say.

### Gisele LeBlanc-Turner

Gisele LeBlanc-Turner grew up in a military family and currently lives in Trenton, Ontario. She received her BFA from NSCAD University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and has exhibited in a variety of venues.



She has been making, showing and selling paintings and drawings for several years, including a number of commissions, working in a variety of media, including oils, acrylics, ink, watercolour and pencil crayon.

Gisele is a member of the Canadian Forces in the trade of photographer/image technician.

Gisele recently started making and selling archival art prints. More of her work may be seen at: [www.giseleleblancturner.etsy.com](http://www.giseleleblancturner.etsy.com)



**Old Church Theatre**  
 940 Bonisteel Road, Quinte West, ON K8V 5P8  
 613-392-9212  
[oldchurchtheatre.com](http://oldchurchtheatre.com)

The 'Old Church Theatre' seeks to enrich our community by providing a friendly setting for interesting social, entertainment and educational programs. We strive to make our unique venue a place where community spirit can continue to flourish as it has since the building first stood as a church 134 years ago.



55 King Street, Trenton, ON K8V 3V8  
 613-392-8844  
[my-theatre.ca](http://my-theatre.ca)

"My Theatre" has no walls; nor does it have a stage, seats, or lights. But it is real just the same. I see it in the glow on an actor's face. I hear it in the applause for a play well done. It hovers in the quiet serenity of a set painter on a Sunday morning. It lives in each of our hearts.

The mandate of The Bay of Quinte Community Players is not only to entertain; we are dedicated to rekindle the spark of creativity in our community, a spark which lies deep within each of us just waiting for an opportunity to surface.

## Art Displays

Arts Quinte West is responsible for local public art displays in a variety of venues. Henry Mitchell and Mary Britt coordinate the details of location, changeover dates and artists involved.

Some venues only have space for two or three paintings but others can take up to ten, in which case two artists can share in the display if they wish.

Each showing will be for a three month period with the exception being the themed show in the Foyer of City Hall which is for two month periods.

Arts Quinte West does not charge a commission - it's in our mandate to encourage, promote and showcase members' works. Opportunities to exhibit are a benefit of being a member of AQW and a great way to get your name in the community.

We are always looking for more participants in this year-round showcase program. Please contact Mary at [gbritt@sympatico.ca](mailto:gbritt@sympatico.ca) to sign up.

### Current exhibits (to June 30):

**Mayor John Williams' Office**  
Henry Mitchell

**Lou Rinaldi MPP Office**  
Michelle Christmann

**Rick Norlock MP Office**  
Sally Browning

**Riverside Music**  
Fern Potter-Tucker

**Quinte West Medical Centre**  
Gisele LeBlanc-Turner, Susan Sampson

**The Royal Bank**  
currently closed to exhibitors because of renovations

**Quinte West City Hall Display Cabinet**  
continuation of Butterflies & Things That Fly exhibit with books from Quinte West Library

## Quinte West City Hall

In 2010, AQW was honoured to be asked to create a permanent, rotating display in the lobby of City Hall in downtown Trenton.

We have created a series of themes for the two-month exhibits in 2011.

Jan/Feb	<b>Imagination Gone Wild</b>
Mar/Apr	<b>Where We Live and Work</b>
May/June	<b>Butterflies and Things That Fly</b>

Cindy Eisenstadt, Carryl Postma,  
Penny Olorenshaw, Judy Black, Mary Britt  
Michelle Christmann, Gisele LeBlanc-Turner,  
Deanna Bach-Talsma, Christine Pellati

July/August	<b>From Sea to Shining Sea</b> Reception on July 4 @ 5:30
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Sept/Oct	<b>Out In The Country</b>
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Nov/Dec	<b>Put Your Head in the Clouds</b>
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We'll be holding a reception to celebrate each new exhibit. Non-exhibiting members are invited to bring along artwork that fits the chosen theme for display at the reception.

**Join us for the next reception on Monday, July 4, from 5:30 - 7:30pm.**

## Join Arts Quinte West

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

With the launch of our new website, AQW members will have the opportunity to showcase their work, promote their own events and link to their own websites.

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:

General	\$25
Family	\$40 (2 members)
Student	\$10 (non-voting)
Group	\$40
Business	\$40

Membership fees are deductible from artwork sales income.

**All memberships are due for renewal at our AGM in March.** For those who join after October 1, renewals will be prorated.

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 by email.

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 website and blog. Discounts are available from many of our business members as well.

## Steering Committee

**Chair: Christine Pellati**

**Co-Chair & Treasurer: Suzanne Andrews**

**Secretary: Mary Britt**

**Membership: Deanna Bach-Talsma**

**Business Membership: Maggie George**

**Communications: Penny Olorenshaw  
Lisa Farrell**

**Members-at-large: Mandy Bing, Edith Kliesch,  
Carryl Postma**

**Website: [artsquintewest.ca](http://artsquintewest.ca)**

## Special Thanks

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