

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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2011 Wrap-Up

Fiddlers, great eats and an extravaganza!

Our third **General Meeting** was held on September 29 with a twist on our usual presentation. Several of our members demonstrated their special techniques in encaustic painting, acrylics, painting through sand, photography and porcelain repair. It was a lively evening and we all learned a lot.

Savour - October 14: We were once again invited to participate in the QW Chamber's food and drink festival. It was a great night and about 250 people had a chance to see work by a large group of our artists.

Arts Extravaganza - November 12: Our final exhibition of the season was held at Trenton High School, with over twenty artists displaying their work. Students from the Arts Program showed self-portraits and the People's Choice awards went to Amanda Melanson and Stevie Myles. We saw many new faces among the visitors and we're looking forward to next year.



Edith Kliesch's booth at Arts Extravaganza

General Meeting Notice

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1.

Our guest speaker will be **Carl Cashin**, director, playwright and founder of the Bay of Quinte Players (My Theatre). You can read more about Carl's unique journey to the theatre [here](#). Quinte's newest theatre company has brought audiences to both laughter and tears over the past four years. Don't miss their latest show, Pathways, running from Nov. 24 - December 10. Check the [My Theatre website](#) for details.

Bring your friends and your ideas for events we can host in 2012. As well, remember to bring along a piece of your artwork and an easel to display it.

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011
Knights of Columbus Hall
57 Stella Crescent, Trenton
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Contact Christine Pellati for more information at 613-398-7529

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Firstly, I wish to welcome all the new members and I hope you will take advantage of all the benefits that membership offers.

Thanksgiving has come and gone but I would like to give thanks at this time to fellow members of the Arts Quinte West Steering Committee who have shown true dedication by the unrivaled effort they have shown in making this years' events the best ever.

Our pre-Christmas General Membership Meeting will be the last event of 2011; however, we are already planning the timetable of events for 2012 and as always we look to you for any ideas you may have either to improve our established events or ideas for new events.

It is time to be thinking about elections for positions on the 2012 Steering Committee which will be held at our Annual General Meeting next

March. If you feel that you would like to have more of a say in the running of our group, we encourage you to come forward. It doesn't necessarily require previous experience - just a willingness to further the goals of our mandate and one can draw from the experience of those that have already served in various positions.

Mary Britt will continue to coordinate the art display changeovers in the Foyer of City Hall and at other venues up until the AGM. I, personally, am very encouraged to see so many of you participating in the "Showcase" program. The quality of work is outstanding and I hope more of you will want to show your work.

Lastly, I wholeheartedly wish you a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of prosperity and good health.

Yours in Art,

Christine Pellati

Save the Date!

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on **March 29, 2012**. Location and details to be announced.

We appreciate the support of:



Best wishes to all our members for a safe and happy holiday season.

Art Displays

Arts Quinte West is responsible for local public art displays in a variety of venues. Mary Britt and Henry Mitchell 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 to sign up.

Current exhibit locations

Mayor John Williams' Office	Quinte West City Hall Display Cabinet (when available)
Rick Norlock MP Office	Quinte West City Hall Arts Showcase (see sidebar)
Riverside Music	The Royal Bank
Quinte West Medical Centre	(currently closed to exhibitors because of renovations)
Trenton Pharmacy	

Quinte West City Hall

2011 saw our first series of themed displays in the Arts Quinte West Showcase in the lobby of City Hall. Themes changed every two months and included imagination, home and work environments and the natural world. Join us for new themes in 2012.

Is your work on the website?

Our new website launched in March and its pages have been visited over 11,000 times! We are still missing info and work from some of our members and we'd very much like to include as many as we can. If you haven't yet added your work, please contact the webmaster, Penny Olorenshaw, at communications@artsquintewest.ca for your username, password and instructions.

Keep up with Arts Quinte West

Get the latest news on our events and displays by visiting our website at artsquintewest.ca.

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
Communications: Penny Olorenshaw
 Lisa Farrell
Members-at-large: Mandy Bing, Edith Kliesch, Carryl Postma

Website: artsquintewest.ca

Special Thanks

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