



Elora Fergus Arts Council



January 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

The Arts Council is starting 2024 with the launch of a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date on our coming events. This initiative is funded by the Government of Canada's Community Service Recovery Fund which will allow us to keep in more active communication with our members and supporters. We will soon be able to expand this opportunity so that members can publicize their own events to our expanding mailing list.
Stay tuned for updates!



Spindrift Woodwind Ensemble "What did you do during COVID?"

**Melville United Church
Sunday, January 21 at 2:00 pm**

With two clarinets, a horn and a bassoon, the Spindrift Woodwind Ensemble can make lots of interesting music, from Renaissance through to 20th century jazz. The ensemble formed during COVID as a strictly online ensemble, playing together and live, but in their own homes. "It was very difficult to be a player of a wind instrument. You cannot wear a mask and play, never mind blow air through an instrument unrestricted. But it was a time to be creative." And now comes an opportunity to hear their stories, enjoy the music up close and personal, and talk with the musicians after the performance.

The concert begins at 2:00 pm at Melville United Church, at the corner of Tower and St. Andrew Streets in Fergus.

Tickets, at \$10 per person, can be purchased at the door.



Barry McCarthy Art Talk "Every Picture Tells a Story"

Fergus Library

Sunday, January 28th at 2:00 pm

Barry McCarthy will share images and stories about his work, the life of a painter and traveling abroad, including Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Iles de la Madeleine, the Loire Valley and Provence, France, Tuscany, Italy, Scotland and Ireland in 2023. The talk will be rich in imagery as Barry shares what inspires him to teach and practice his art.

Barry's Art Talk will take place at 2:00 on Sunday January 28 in the third floor Meeting Room of the Fergus Public Library.

Tickets, at \$10 a person, can be purchased at the door.

Annual Art Events

Insights Juried Fine Exhibition of Fine Arts

**Thursday, April 18th -
Monday, June 24th**

The Arts Council's Insights 43rd Juried
Exhibition of Fine Arts returns!

NEW for 2024, online applications and
payments will be available for artists
starting March 1!

More Information will be available in the
Call for Artists emails that will be sent out
to all past participants around mid-
February.

For more information, visit:
insightarts.ca

Elora Fergus Plein Air Festival

**Thursday, May 16 -
Sunday May 19**

The Art Council's Elora Plein Air
Festival 2024 is looking forward to
another exciting year.

This is an open competition and
Applications for participating
artists will be opened in early
February. Emails will go out to
past years' participants and those
on the waiting list. As in the past,
there is a limit to the number of
participants we can accommodate.

For more information, visit:
elorapleinair.ca

Art in Public Places

Committee Members: Anne Hobbs, Peter Skoggard and Barb Lee



Blown Away Glass

Groves Hospital Lobby Display,
December 1 to January 20

Sparrow's Nest

Oakes Law Window, December through
January 21

Local Arts Pieces owned by EFAC

Sportsplex Board Room B



Tim Murton

Centre Wellington Council Chambers,
December 13 to January 31
Tim to present to Council on
January 29, 6 pm

James Embry, Works in Wood

Groves Hospital Lobby, January 20
through March

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