

Instructions for new members:

Monthly Meetings:

1. **Where:** at the North Crosby Community Centre, 1.5 miles south of Westport, off County Road 10, at 875 8th Concession behind the township buildings.
2. **Time:** from 1:30 to approximately 4:00
3. **When:** 2nd Friday of the month unless that Friday is a long weekend. In that case the meeting is moved to the 1st Friday of the month.
There are **no meetings:** - in **February** (too many people gone South and also a great possibility of a storm).
- in **July** (Art on the Lawn Sale)
4. **Fees:** \$35.00 per year. A membership goes from January to December but I start collecting in October because there are too many memberships to collect, all in one month. The names of those who pay before January are entered in the early bird draw, done at the end of January meeting and the winner gets a free 1 year membership.
5. You must **sign in** at every meeting you attend because you are expected to attend at least 30% of the meetings in order to participate in different programs (e.g. courses, field trips, etc.)
6. **Library:** You may take books or videos out for 1 month. Darlene Dalton is our librarian and she will answer any of your questions.
7. **Meetings:** We discuss the minutes, etc. then we have a coffee break. There is coffee, tea and snacks available in the kitchen (if possible, please see Donna Copp and volunteer to bring in a snack once in a while). After the break we usually have a guest speaker, a demonstration, a critique, a slide show, or just a social.
8. **Membership:** I will email membership lists a couple of times a year as the info keeps changing all the time. Please keep me informed if you change your emails, move, etc. Hard copies will be printed out for those with no emails or if you have problems getting emails. We try to keep our membership fees as low as we can by eliminating extra costs such as printing hard copies for everyone.
9. **Newsletter:** See our website. Jackie Coldrey emails or gives out hard copies 3 times a year.

Website: www.rideaulakesartists.com

Weekly Paint In:

1. **For:** members who wish to come paint and share ideas in an informal setting.
2. **Where:** North Crosby Hall
3. **Time:** from 1:00 to approximately 4:00
4. **When:** every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
5. **Fees:** \$2.00 every time you come. You can bring a treat once in a while.

Yearly Events: (It is important to attend meetings to find out about these.)

1. **Paint Outs:** Outdoor painting usually at a member's place. Usually from 10:00 to 4:00. You bring your lunch, it's free and it's lots of fun.
2. **Field trips:** Gallery visits: usually one per year. Modest charge.
3. **Workshops:** Can be a 1, or 2-day course or a weekday course lasting several weeks. Fees are determined by length of course etc. Refer to your newsletter (sent out by Jackie Coldrey 3 or 4 times a year) or go to our website for details of upcoming workshops and sign up early. Registration is on a first come basis. You must attend 30% of the meetings to qualify. Judith Versavel is in charge of programs.
4. **Art Shows:** Must also attend 30% of the meetings to qualify.
 - a. **Art on the Lawn:** Sale of paintings always on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of July in Perth. You are responsible for your own setup (e.g. a 10" x 10" open tent and racks). Go to our website to find out more.
 - b. **Art Shows and Sales:** Usually 2 a year. One in early June and one in late August. Check website and newsletter for that information.
5. **Cards for sale:** Several members have grouped together to make and sell cards for their artwork. Half of the money goes to help the club and the rest is donated to the food bank. Louise Mantha is in charge of that. See our website for more information.