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The Paint-In

Rideau Lakes Artists' Association Newsletter

Summer 2025

PAINT THE SUMMER, ART RODEO, HOLLY JOLLY

Lots of events for RLAA members to look forward to later this year

The RLAA's main annual art show is all set for the weekend of August 23/24 at the Westport Arena, with a full house of artists participating. (Sometimes there are late cancellations and space opens up; check with Fred Fowler.) There will be an update on the show at the August RLAA meeting.

CALENDAR PROJECT

The submitted art works for the calendar

project have been reviewed, with the following artists' works selected: Leane Bailey, Margaret Brackley, Sue Gibson, David Gilmore, Sarah Hale, Judy Hollinger, Margaret Martin, Barb Sohn, Dayle VanAlstine, Ron Veh, Judith Versavel and Laurel Wilson.

Barb Jordan, who is coordinating the project, notes members will be offered an opportunity to pre-order the calendars for \$20 each (in mid July members will be

notified of the deal by email) and that they will retail for \$25 if purchased *after* the calendar is printed. Members will learn more about the project at upcoming general meetings.

SPEAKERS

Carrie Keller, an oil painter, teacher, illustrator, muralist and author from Winchester, has been signed up as speaker for the September RLAA meeting (<https://paintingstoorder.com>).

President's Message

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see."

Edgar Degas

Welcome to summer, a season of renewal and rebirth. Oh, that sounds so pompous, but by rights it is true.

Everything about summer is different, the light, the shadows, the general feeling of life.

Our summer activities are well under way. Our annual picnic was a great success; many thanks to Sally and her crew and all those who contributed.

Our weekly paint-ins are drawing an amazing number of members and as usual are a great source of encouragement and camaraderie.

Preparations for our 2025 *Paint The Summer* are advancing smoothly under the watchful eyes of Fred Fowler and Barbara Jordan and the rest of the committee. The booths are full and we are hoping to continue the outstanding success of the past shows.

Thank you goes out to Donna Larocque for taking over as Chair for the Cove and to the rest of the venue chairs who keep the RLAA name out in public.

We are looking for candidates for the President and Communications Secretary positions, starting September 2025.

Donna McPhail has agreed to take over the Vice-President position. Thanks, Donna.

The communications position is up for election in 2026 so we are looking for someone who will step up to fill this position from September 2025 to August 2026. It involves communications between the executive and the RLAA membership, including agendas and minutes, maintaining an updated email contact list of members, managing correspondence including greeting cards, and acting as a conduit for all general emails to the membership. Cathy Pruefer has offered to train whoever is interested and forward all lists etc., which she currently maintains.

Please communicate with any executive member if you are interested or have any questions with respect to these positions.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, productive and enjoyable summer of inspiration and fun.

Sherry Rogers
RLAA President

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WORKSHOP REPORT AND UPDATE

Three workshops coming this fall

By Deborah Jodoin

In the spring of 2025 we have had two very successful workshops; one in April with David Gilmore and one in May with Barb Jordan.

It is my privilege and goal to organize opportunities to learn for serious amateurs like myself using our local very talented artists at a reasonable cost.

David came perfectly prepared to focus on the business of paint application rather than drawing skills so he provided the template and focused on his limited watercolour palette and process that was a marvel to behold and play with.

In May, Barb Jordan provided a thorough examination of the history of photography, defining terms, challenges of observation skills and practical experience with a critique at the end to round out the experience. So along with all of the other great aspects of the workshop we got to learn how to make better use of the cameras on our cell phones.

COMING IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Coming up this fall there will be three workshops. In October, Kristi Bird will be doing a wildlife workshop.

In November, Aili Kurtis will be giving a workshop on large-format stylised acrylic landscape painting. (We are now starting a waiting list as the workshop is currently full).

In early December we will have a workshop focusing on oil painting with an artist that is fairly new to the

Kingston area by the name of Monica Rosen.

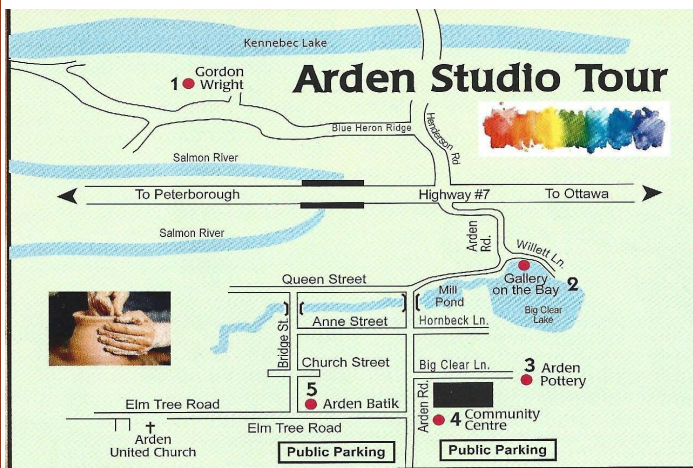
I will have more information on this workshop in the near future.

(Workshop photos by Deborah Jodoin.)



Sherry Rogers and Margaret Martin thank the following members for helping out May 28 with the onerous task of cleaning up the garage at the North Crosby Hall and making an inventory of all the RLAA equipment: Fred Fowler, Barbara Jordon, Deborah Jodoin, Dayle VanAlstine, Kay Wallace, Linda Rush, Nancy Pearce, Doris Power, Cathy Pruefer, Chris Bonza, Kelvin Hodges and Donna McPhail.

(Photo by Chris Bonza.)



The Arden Studio Tour 2025 is being held from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., Saturday July 12 and Sunday July 13 at various locations. In all, 13 artists are being featured, several of them Rideau Lakes Artists Association members: Judith Versavel (galleryonbay.com), Sarah Hale (ardenbatik.com), and Kristi Bird (krisitbird.com), Deborah Jodoin, Aileen Merriam, and Dayle VanAlstine at the Arden Community Centre (Kennebec Community Hall).

WHAT AM I BID?

RLAA members showed their support for the organization in two ways at the May general meeting, by donating paintings for a fund-raising auction, led by Ben Bennett, and by buying the paintings on offer. A total of 13 works were placed on the auction block, and they realised more than \$1,800 for the association.

Contributing works for the auction, many of whom showed their support by also purchasing paintings, were: Kristi Bird, David Gilmore, Liz Jackson, Margaret Martin, Donna McPhail, Aileen Merriam, Diane Phaneuf, Doris Power, Barb Reilly, Lydia Robbins, Monika Seidenbusch, Barb Sohn, and Judith Versavel. (Photo by Barb Jordan.)



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

NEW RATES

New membership rates apply this September: \$60 per year, payable by cheque or e-transfer.

PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS POSITIONS OPEN

RLAA President Sherry Rogers and Communications Secretary Cathy Pruefer will be stepping down at the next election of officers at the AGM in September 2025. Contact any executive member if you are interested or have any questions with respect to these positions.



This lovely cake was dropped off by Rob Maloney's widow Cait at the May RLAA meeting for the members to enjoy. Anyone who remembers Rob well will enjoy the message. (Photo by Carolyn Huff-Winters.)

Learn more about

RLAA activities

at our website:

www.rideaulakesartists.com

(past newsletters can be found at:
www.rideaulakesartists.com/newsletters)

...and our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/rideaulakesartists/

Remembering Dawn Fortin

Members who have been part of RLAA for a few years may remember Dawn Frances Fortin, who was an artist with our group at one time. We are sad to share that Dawn passed away on March 13, 2025. A celebration of her life was held in May.

To read the Obituary of Dawn Frances Ann Gibson Fortin, go to: <https://blairandson.com/tribute/details/6685/Dawn-Gibson-Fortin/obituary.html>

Events

July 11: RLAA general meeting, North Crosby Hall, Westport. 1 p.m.
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July 12, 13: Arden Studio Tour, locations around Arden, from 10-4.

August 8: RLAA general meeting, North Crosby Hall, Westport. 1 p.m.
Speaker: Aili Curtis

August 23, 24: *Paint The Summer*, Westport Arena

September 12: RLAA annual general meeting, North Crosby Hall, Westport. 1 p.m. Speaker: Carrie Keller.

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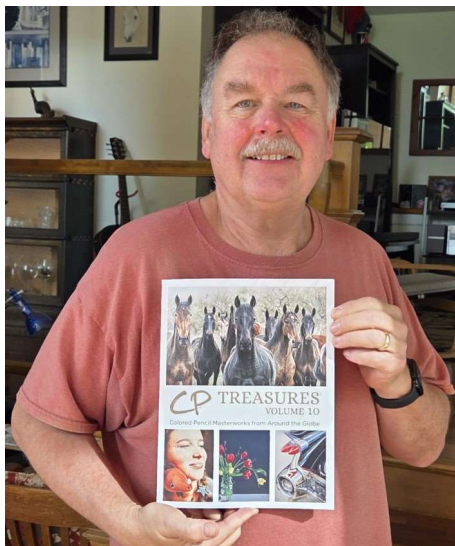
October 10: RLAA general meeting, North Crosby Hall, Westport. 1 p.m.
Speaker: Jeanne Hudson

November 14: RLAA general meeting, North Crosby Hall, Westport. 1 p.m. Art Rodeo

November 29,30: Holly Jolly Art Show, Perth Legion. 14

December 12: RLAA Christmas luncheon, North Crosby Hall, Westport. 1 p.m.
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More honours for the Baileys



For the third time in a row, RLAA members Brian and Leane Bailey have had their coloured pencil artwork recognized by a prestigious art magazine. Brian was selected among the top 135 artists to appear in *CP Treasures*; Leane was selected among the next group of 208 artists to appear in *CP Hidden Treasures*. This worldwide competition by Ann Kullberg, a well-known coloured pencil artist, invites coloured pencil artists worldwide to apply to be selected among the top artists to appear in two of her magazines every 18 months. (Submitted photos)

A busy fall ahead

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Napanee-based artist Jeanne Hudson is scheduled to speak at the October meeting (https://gnaaa.ca/featured_item/jeanne-hudson/).

ART RODEO

An Art Rodeo is being proposed for November. Organizer Doris Power describes the event as a 40 minutes of "art-in-the-making," where six to eight people complete a painting of a topic of their choice, after which, they are judged by the audience, with prizes going to the top three winners.

Showing at the National Gallery

Radioactive: A Selection of Nuclear Ephemera and Records from John O'Brian's Atomic Collection, until August 31st, 2025; *Nadia Myre: Waves of Want*, until September 1st, 2025; *Skawennati: Welcome to the Dreamhouse*, until September 1st, 2025; *Erica Rutherford: Her Lives and Works*, until October 13th, 2025; *Jinme Yoon: Honouring a Long View*, until March 2026; *Focus Series* (Indigenous and Canadian Galleries), until June 2026; *Pucker Up! The Lipstick Prints of Joyce Wieland*, until October 26th, 2025.

For more information visit: <https://www.gallery.ca/whats-on/exhibitions-and-galleries>.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Art Rodeo may email Doris (dmpartandtravel@gmail.com).

Doris notes those who are interested in participating are requested to sign up by the October RLAA meeting.

HOLLY JOLLY

The Perth Legion on Beckwith Street has been booked for the last weekend in November (November 29 and 30, 2025).

The fine print

The Paint-In is the official newsletter of the Rideau Lakes Artists' Association.

The editor is Ben Bennett; senior correspondent: Deborah Jodoin.

RLAA activities include oils, watercolours, acrylics, and other mediums.

We hold our monthly meetings (except February) at the North Crosby Hall, south of Westport. For an up-to-date monthly meeting and paint-in schedule please check our website at www.rideaulakesartists.com. To submit articles or information on workshops, seminars etc., please contact newsletter editor Ben Bennett at bbc@rideau.net.



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