



THE PAINT-IN

Rideau Lakes Artists' Association Newsletter

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President's Message

This spring 2021, believe it or not, will be the start of my 6th year as the RLAA President. I love you all and I am happy that you have such confidence in me by keeping me around for a much longer time than most other Presidents. But, I think it's time for another RLAA member to become the new President. Reflecting back, many things have happened. Because of you, the great RLAA Member/Volunteers you are, much was accomplished: the new RLAA Charter, the "Paint the Summer" Art Show and sale, our improved facebook page, the RLAA Online Art Show, the "Watercolour in Westport" promotion/contest, the New and Improved RLAA Website and many other items that identify the RLAA family happened. All this has been done while maintaining an average membership of 100 talented artists.

This last year, 2020, well, it started out OK, but by March the whole world was turned upside down by COVID 19. Fear and uncertainty took over and we all had to make uncomfortable adjustments in our life style. "Social distancing", "Social Bubbles", wearing "protective masks" and "shutting down" many activities that were deemed unnecessary was done for the safety of everyone. Most of the RLAA membership is made up of seniors who are the most vulnerable with this virus and we canceled all our meetings and activities. These actions by society has affected all sorts of small spin-off businesses that depend on groups like ours.

Currently, some restrictions have been lifted and we have started up our Wednesday paint-ins and a few venues have opened and we did the "Watercolour in Westport" promo, all done under strict guide lines. Vaccines have been developed and there's light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully we will all get our shots sooner than later. All

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we have to do is hang in for a little longer - so, be careful and diligent.

Because of the financial difficulty the COVID 19 pandemic may have on some RLAA Members, the RLAA Executive made this decision: "We appreciate receiving membership dues for RLAA for 2020/21 now. However, we understand if you don't want to pay the dues until RLAA becomes more active. You will still be able to participate in any activities RLAA does have in the next months as long as you are a paid up member from 2019/20. This includes the Paint- In, any workshops we may be able to arrange and any art competitions or shows we have access to".

Just as a reminder, if you participated in RLAA activities, it is your responsibility to ensure you pay your membership dues sometime during this year. For members who can pay their 2020-2021 dues, please do so as this is currently the only income the RLAA has.

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2020 has put us all through the wringer. It has been hard, but we are tough, loving, and caring -

***SO, STAY HEALTHY, BE SAFE,
KEEP THE FAITH, AND PAINT
LOTS - "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
AND LOOKING FOR A "HAPPY
NEW YEAR"***

Fred

Best Buys for Art Supplies

By Shirley Mancino

Paper, canvas, w/c, acrylic paints:

Gwartsman's, Spadina Street, Toronto

Mystery 100 % Rag Board: Woolfitt's Queen Street Toronto.

Masonite Panels:

Buy 4 x 8 sheets at Home Depot cut to any size that you want. They provide 2-3 cuts free. Gesso both sides several times. Paint and/or wax the edges several times to keep the board flat when wet, and to act as an acid free barrier.

Framing Materials (mat board, frames, hardware, and glass, foam core, framing equipment): Triple Touch Moulding Toronto. See www.tripletouchmoulding.com for their product line (only available thru STMancino).

To help you choose your mats and frames, a great website is: www.matshop.ca; click on outer mat; select desired colour and size; click on inner mat, etc. (be aware that you can change the width of each mat to see whether a wide or narrower mat looks better) These are Bainbridge mat boards and are one of the best you can buy.

Save money by getting a Canadian made mat board and cutting your own mats, go to www.tripletouchmoulding.com and find the equivalent colours in the Peterborough mats section, then you can order through S. Mancino.

Framing equipment: Triple Touch, Lee Valley Tools, on line shopping.

Clear Bags:

Crystal Clear Bags

Order your own in larger amounts at www.crystalclearbags.com or call 1-888-436-6197

For smaller amounts, Shirley Mancino keeps a supply of standard sizes (e.g. 10 x 12in, 12 x 18, 14 x 18, 14 x 22, 16 x 20, 17 x 22, 2 x 30, 28 x 36), 5 x 8 and hang tabs at the same price as Crystal Clear Bags.

Printing:

I use Images Interalia, Perth; make sure you get exactly the colours you want. They do giclee prints on paper or canvas with good results. Also, there is Impression Printing for Greeting Cards and/or prints at 51 Abbott St. N., Smiths Falls (613-283-2444).

On line Shopping:

Art supplies can be ordered online and delivered to your door thru: www.currys.com and/or www.woolfitts.com Both have a good monthly/quarterly newsletter and quarterly discounts. Sign up online.

The U.S. has numerous mail order discount providers such as the following: www.cheapjoes.com, www.jerry'sartarama.com, www.dickblick.com, www.rexart.com

Or do a google search for "art-supplies". For U.S.A. providers, brokerage fees may apply and HST at the border. Or find a friend with a U.S. address willing to receive delivery for you in the States and drive them across the border.

Stores/Galleries for Art Supplies:

When I can I buy art supplies from Gwartsmann's on Spadina Street at College in Toronto. They are big suppliers to art students at O.C.A.D. They always have the cheapest prices but not necessarily all the brand names.

Art supplies can be purchased at Tri-Arts new Store in Kingston called Art Noise, 290 Princess. They carry all the different lines of paint from Artists quality to student grade. Prices are 50% off list price. They also carry paper, canvas, cradle boards, etc. Or at Wallacks at 231 Bank Street (downtown)

Also in Ottawa there is De Serres in the St. Laurent Shopping Centre or at 11-1821 Robertson Road. (Nepean). Or online at www.deserres.ca (De Serres own brand paint is made by Tri-Art.)

As well some art supplies can be purchased at The Book Nook in Perth. They are located at 60 Gore Street East

Editor's Note: Best Buys is a regular feature of the Paint-In. If you know of any other suppliers, etc. that could be added, please contact Shirley Mancino or the editor Jackie Coldrey for future editions

To become a member, contact our

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**The Paint-In is your window
into the RLAA**



Contact Us

The *Paint-In* is the official newsletter of the Rideau Lakes Artists Association,

Our activities include watercolours, oils, acrylics, and other art mediums. We are located at the North Crosby Hall, where we hold our monthly meetings, which are scheduled on the second Friday of each month at 1:30 p.m., except for the months of February and July when there is no monthly meeting held. For *Paint-In* schedule please check our calendar pages. The Association also hosts courses by known artists and sponsors exhibits and shows featuring members' work.

To have a business card size ad (3" x 2") included in the newsletter for a one year period the cost will be \$25. For a display ad (3" x 6") the cost will be \$50 for a one year period. If you have workshops, seminars, etc. that you would like to advertise in the newsletter we have a cost of \$10 for a one time only ad. For information or to place an ad, contact the editor.

Email Edition: All members with email address will receive their RLAA newsletter in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format. A "free" copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader may be downloaded from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2html>

Members without email will continue to receive hard copies of the newsletter at the monthly meetings.

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News:

Since September we have been able to hold our Paint-Ins at the North Crosby Hall. Because of Covid restrictions of *Social Distancing, etc.*, we can only have up to 16 people at a time so it is necessary to pre-register your participation. To do so you can contact Margaret Martin at mbmartin36@gmail.com

However, as of December 9th the North Crosby Hall has been closed due to an increase of Covid cases in the Westport area. The hall will remain closed for 30 days.

When the hall opens up again we will be able to meet once more for the Paint-Ins at least.

Merry Christmas

And

Happy New Year

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Stay Well and Stay Safe

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