



The Paint-In

Rideau Lakes Artists' Association Newsletter

June 2022



President's Message

May, 2022

I sincerely hope that all of you are well and staying safe. The weather is warming up and it's almost SUMMER!. Things are rapidly opening up and many recently imposed COVID restrictions and protocols are eased. Wednesday paint-ins are well attended and we have had a few general meetings. Barb Sohn hosted a our first workshop on May 21-22, 2022 and it was full and enjoyed by all. Also there will be another workshop held by Debora Krakow in September.

Also we have a committee working towards having our first Paint The Summer art show and sale since pre-COVID. The first thing we did was to discuss the pros and cons for a new venue. We went and looked at our old venues and several others. The best available venue was Westport at the hockey arena. I spoke with the Westport recreation manager and we booked the venue for August 27-28 weekend (On the same weekend that the old well known Westport Art Show from past days.). This venue has a very large area, very secure, available electricity, cooler in summer, available tables and chairs, lots of room to use the spiral design for our grid racks, etc. We have most of the equipment we need and the cooperation with the Town of Westport.

There are already over 20 RLAA artists signed up and we can accommodate more. Please remember the RLAA art show rules which can be viewed in the RLAA Charter. Our next general meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2022 at 1:30 pm at the N. Crosby Hall. I hope to see everyone there. Until then, take care and KEEP PAINTING.

Fred Fowler,
RLAA President

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To find out more about the Rideau Lakes Artist's Association, it's members, and what we do, please visit our website at rideaulakesartists.com.

To become a member of the RLAA, please contact our Membership Chair, Sarah Young-Fowler at 613-278-0441 or email rlaamembership@gmail.com

RLAA General Meetings

We are again having regular meetings with some changes due to the ongoing concern for everyone's safety, such as wearing masks other than when addressing the group and we are not having beverages and snacks. Stay posted as these things change.

For our meeting on May 21st we had our first guest speaker post COVID shutdown.

Bob Shackles spoke to the group and was very interesting to listen to and see his fine work.

The talk was excellent in that Bob is a seasoned and well trained artist who employs fundamental principles to his art. As a result he has produced beautiful work which appeals to the eye. This is in part because of the harmonious colours and attention to structure and tone. He usually plans to break his subject up into no more than 5 basic shapes from which to develop painting. He also is careful about drawing accurately as evidenced in his racing boat series and nature paintings.

You can find a wealth of info on the following sites:

<http://www.robertshackles.com/>

<https://societyofcanadianartists.com/user/bob-shackles/>

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

We will be having an additional meeting in July on the 8th.

Paint Out

Instead of an art rodeo we had a paint out organized by Margaret and David





Artist Info and Sharing

Ina Black

I have been a Member of RLAA since 2003 and have been painting mainly in watercolour and acrylic since that time.

Subjects that I enjoy painting are Canadian landscapes, time worn buildings that I have photographed from many provinces, Florals, Still Life and particularly fond of water scenes.

Now living in Amherstview I also joined the Bath Artisans group and recently the Napanee Artist Association (GNAAA).



Workshops

Painting with Barb Sohn

We had our first post COVID workshop on the long weekend in May. It was full and as you can see the participants created some fine art!



Barb Sohn workshop

Artist Information and Sharing

Judy Hollinger

For the last eight years I have been going to Duncan J. Schoular Elementary School in Smiths Falls to engage in various art activities with the children. In the beginning I was teaching little art lessons at lunch time to an art club and also attending several classrooms where I taught a weekly art lesson.

More recently it has just been the lunch time art club. What I have learned, is that most of the time just showing up with art materials is enough. Many of these children live in families who aren't able to buy them art supplies. Even markers and colour pencils aren't always available at home.

Some children attend because of a love of art, and where I can, I fit in some instruction.

Many of the children come because just one more caring adult is of great benefit to them.

It was shocking to me how badly schools are equipped with art supplies. Even older children are trying to paint with kindergarten type bristle brushes, using watercolour paints. One of the first things I did was bring in a huge box of softer brushes in various sizes. I have been fortunate through the years to be given funding by The Canadian Federation of University Women which has allowed the children to be exposed to many other mediums. I also like to help students develop better skills if art is their real area to shine, when sometimes they are not experiencing academic success. I cannot tell you how much joy this activity brings me. My first day back, since the pandemic, was the second day mask mandates were lifted. Both the principal and I had tears in our eyes at being able to finally give the children something extra. I would encourage anybody with a free lunchtime, to think of doing something similar at a local school. Life is best when there are some children to spend time with.

Ben Bennett

I have been spending a lot of time recently with a very engaging character called Waldemar Januszczak. He is an art critic and documentary presenter who has a Polish name and a London accent. He has dozens of documentaries on You Tube, covering all kinds of art, artists and even history. And I am totally hooked.

I started with a series he did on the Impressionists, another on Van Gogh and still another on Gauguin. From that I found some fascinating stuff about the Italian Renaissance and some of its famous painters. Did you know Caravaggio was a murderer, or that Botticelli means little barrel?

Waldemar - I use his first name because he is such a character that it feels like you have a relationship with him after the second or third documentary - has done films about the Vikings and even the Goths, the Huns and the Vandals - all of them, by the way, makers of beautiful art - who knew? And check out the film he made about sculpture.

If you like art and enjoy history, Waldemar is your guy.

Just visit You Tube and type his full name in the search. Then make no plans for the next few days. This stuff is addictive!

Schedule for Upcoming Meetings

July 8/22 at 1:30 pm

Aug. 12/22 at 1:30 pm

Sept. 9/22 at 1:30 pm, AGM; Speaker: Wendy Quirt

Oct. 14/22 at 1:30 pm, Speaker: Phil Chadwick

Nov. 18/22 at 1:30 pm, Speaker: Ann Gruchy

Dec. 9/23 at 1:00 pm, Christmas Lunch

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The Paint-In is the official newsletter of the Rideau Lakes Artists' Association. Our activities include watercolours, 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 1:30pm, except for the months of February and July when there is no monthly meeting held. For up to date monthly meetings and Paint-In schedule, please check the calendar on our website at rideaulakesartists.com.

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