



# The Paint-In

Rideau Lakes Artists' Association Newsletter

December 2021



## President's Message

### Christmas, 2021

The RLAA Executive & I sincerely hope that all our members and their families are staying safe and are readying themselves for the Holidays. We all know that what the new COVID-19 norm is and are well aware of the new rules that we have to follow whether we agree or not.

I am pleased to say that we have survived the pandemic better than a lot of other organizations. We are smaller and many past & new members are signing up. We are in good financial shape. The Executive met as much as possible.

We continued our paint-ins. Our first general meeting was on November 26, 2021 which was well attended and helped revive the spirit of the RLAA. Many brought their great art work in for a Show & Tell titled "What did you paint during the COVID-19 shutdown?" Much was discussed and some ideas were put forward such as workshops, a summer picnic and the Paint The Summer Art Show (maybe with a new location). We are all well aware that these activities do not happen without the membership stepping up and volunteering to run or assisting in some way.

Please if you can let us know what you would like to help with by getting a hold of any of the Executive members. (Note: from the info I received from other artists - people want to get out and look at & buy art. Many art shows were very successful.)

Take care and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**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](http://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](mailto:rlaamembership@gmail.com)

## ***RLAA General Meeting November 2021***

The only meeting to report on is this one. I must say it was delightful to see so many people attend and to have a chance to interact while distancing and masked. We did have a show and tell of work done during the time of COVID, photos of which appear on page 3.

## ***Newsletter Changes***

This is the initial news letter created by Jackie's replacements of Deborah Jodoin and Laurel Wilson. You will find some items new and some no longer included.

I am going to include here some highlights from the meeting that was held on November 26th. which you will also read in the minutes from the meeting.

## ***Social Media***

Chris Dickson gave an excellent presentation on the benefits of an active Facebook presence. We need lots of participation from RLAA members. Its good to have several posts a week to keep up viewers interest. We are encouraged to send to Chris any artist related thoughts or information , and to do so regularly. Post your recent paintings, post your thoughts about inspiration and process, post about tours you are in or have been to, books you have read, places you go that are inspirational to art. Chris will be glad to get all of this kind of information for our Facebook Page. Materials can be emailed to Chris at [\*\*\*artbychrisdickson@gmail.com\*\*\*](mailto:artbychrisdickson@gmail.com)

I would add that much of what applies to Facebook can apply to this newsletter. Write a short post about books, magazines, shows etc. and submit to Deborah Jodoin at [\*\*\*jdjodoin@hotmail.ca\*\*\*](mailto:jdjodoin@hotmail.ca)

## ***Shows ~ Paint the Summer***

We definitely want to have a show next summer and though there are many people wanting to help we do not have a leader yet. There have been some suggestions about where we may have our event.

If you think you may be willing to take the lead as chair please put your name forward and many volunteers will follow like Donna McPhail who was the first person to do so. Thanks Donna.

Many of our members are involved in other groups and shows.

## ***New Book***

David Dawson has a new book of many of his wonderful paintings and he brought a copy to Paint-in. At the same event Riley showed David and the group a portrait that he had done of David several months ago.



*Ryley Garner & David Dawson*



Donna McPhail



Linda Rush



Barb Sohn



Judith Versavel

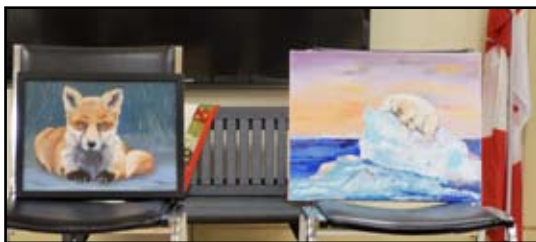
*Show and Tell  
from the  
November  
General Meeting*



Fred Fowler



Jackie Coldrey



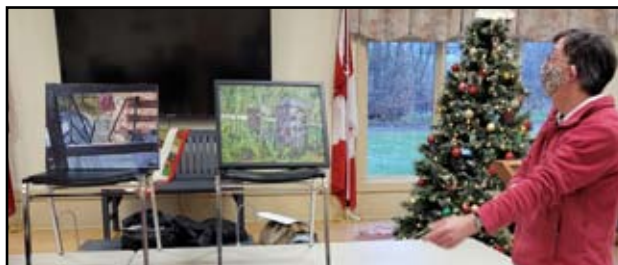
Caroline Evans



Deborah Jodoin



Jackie Coldrey



Ben Bennett



Sarah Hale



## *Featured Artist*

*Jackie Coldrey*



I've always had an interest in painting, crafts, or anything really to do with using my hands. However, I really didn't do anything about it until the 1980s when two friends insisted that I try out the Smiths Falls Art Club. At that time they were bringing in instructors like Henry Vyfinle, Peter Doef, and many others to teach classes. As a beginner I found this to be great. Unfortunately after a few years the club ended up closing down.

It wasn't until the early 2000s that I started to have an interest in painting again. When a friend invited me to come to a Rideau Lakes Artists' Association Paint-In. Ever since, I haven't stopped painting except during my bout with Cancer.

My particular style of painting includes working mainly with watercolours and florals. However, I have worked on buildings from my travels as well as some of the local buildings like the three museums in Smiths Falls. Recently, I have begun a series of paintings depicting the Birds and Flowers of the Ten Provinces of Canada.

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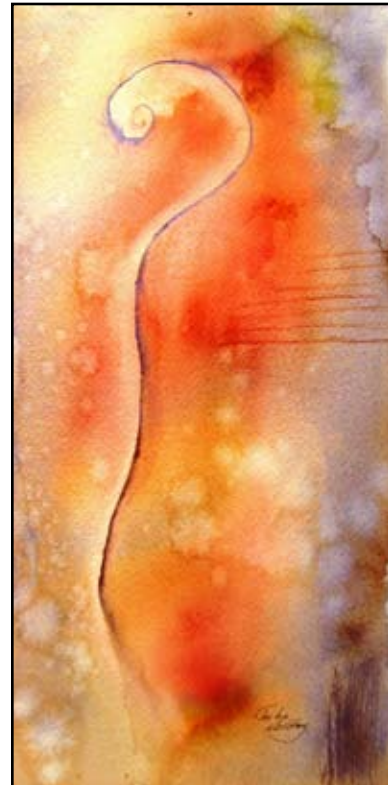


*Jackie Coldrey, continued from page 4*

I guess you could say that I tend to be a realist. Although I have done some abstract works, but still go back to my florals and watercolours.

As mentioned above my favourite medium is water-colour, but I have worked a bit with acrylics and lately have tried oils which I am finding are wonderful to work with.

Inspirations for me are the beauty of nature around me, not only locally but also in my travels. As for the people that have inspired me I would have to say Jackie Jeffries, Claire Broulliard, Jim Rowat, Sandy Yaxley and many more from the Rideau Lakes group of artists. I find that going to the Paint-Ins too is inspiring as I am always learning something from my fellow artists, as well as enjoying the social side of being with everyone on Wednesdays.



Since joining the Rideau Lakes Artists' Association I have not only become a better painter, but I have been involved in many ways with the Association. My first role was taking over the job of doing the newsletter which I did for many years. Then when there was a need for a treasurer I jumped in (maybe foolishly) to take on that job too which I still am doing to this day. As well, I have also worked on many Show Committees and recently took on the job of looking after the Station Theatre Venue in Smiths Falls. I have enjoyed working on all these things and will continue to be involved with the Association in any way that I can because I feel that this is such a wonderful group of fellow artists.

If there is any advice that I can give it is to keep on going, whether you are a beginner or a master at what you do. Always learn from each other and have fun.

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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](http://rideaulakesartists.com).

***Advertising***

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Display (3" x 6")	\$50 for 1 year

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