

This past year has been challenging for the Art Gallery and its volunteers. When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Ontario, we had to close our doors in mid-March, halting the exhibition of sculpture by Michael N. Green. The Curatorial Committee, in consultation with the scheduled artists, cancelled a number of exhibitions through the spring and summer months. We were able to open, with strict physical distancing measures in place, from mid-June through to December 26, when we were again required to close due to the resurgence of the virus. For those who were able to visit the Gallery, we offered excellent shows by Allan O'Marra, David Smith, John Climenhage, and Francis Livingston. We were able to display our annual Juried exhibition in December, however it was terminated on Boxing Day due to the virus, instead of running through to the end of January 2021 as planned.

We are excited to announce that the Art Gallery will reopen on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, with an entirely new look and feel. With the help of a grant from Community Futures North Hastings, we have a completely redesigned gift shop area branded as "Out of the Box Gifts"; one look and you will clearly see how that brand has been incorporated. The Gift Shop committee has worked very hard to bring new art and crafts, sourced from local artisans, to Out of the Box. Past visitors will not only be treated to a new look, but also to many new items, most all priced in the \$50 or lower range.

At this time, we plan on mounting 9 diversified monthly shows, starting with Shannon Taylor, opening on April 7, and ending in December with the Annual Juried exhibition. We are unable to host the normal Opening Receptions for the present, but we hope this might soon change.

As you know, sales from the Gift Shop and from the exhibitions are one of our major sources of income. In order to continue financing the Gallery, we count on these sales, fundraising, memberships and donations. We do not receive funding through grants or governments.

Attached is a renewal membership form for 2021 and we are pleased to advise that we can now accept payment by e-transfer. If this is your preferred method of payment, please send to Art Gallery of Bancroft at artonflint@gmail.com and the security answer is "membership". In the message box please indicate your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. By renewing your membership you are helping us keep the Gallery operating in support of the Arts in our community. We believe that a vibrant and functioning art gallery adds much to the quality of life in our community. Also, by being a member you are entitled to a 10% discount on purchases made in the Gallery Shop in addition to a 10% discount at Curry's Art Supplies when you show your AGB Membership card!

We invite you to visit our website at www.artgallerybancroft.ca or email us at artgalleryofbancroft@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook.

Gallery hours are: Winter hours: Tuesday to Saturday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Summer hours: Monday to Saturday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Best wishes from all of us at the Art Gallery of Bancroft for a wonderful 2021. Thank you for your continued support.





ART GALLERY OF BANCROFT – Membership Form 2021

Membership benefits:

Membership entitles the member to voting rights at the AGM.

Members receive a 10% discount off items purchased in the Gallery's gift shop.

Members receive emailed updates and invitations to Art Gallery events.

Membership is required for artists to display work in the Gallery Shop.

Membership Categories and Annual Fees:

Regular (\$25.00) _____

Student (\$10.00) _____

Supporter (\$50.00) _____

Patron (\$200.00) _____

Benefactor (\$500.00) _____

Supporters, Patrons and Benefactors are added to our Honour Role plaque in the Gallery and will receive a Charitable Tax Receipt in addition to a membership.

Name : _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

To assist us in determining the optimal means of reaching out to prospective members, would you please indicate how you learned of the Art Gallery? Please check all the apply."

- Renewal
- Cottage/Lake Assoc'n publication
- Magazine article
- Friend/relative
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
- Newspaper
- Website
- Other (please specify) _____
- I would like information about volunteering opportunities with the Art Gallery.

