

ST. THOMAS-ELGIN PUBLIC ART CENTRE

SPRING 2023

Robert Ruby *The Mechanics of Meaning* April 15 to June 3, 2023



Calm Before Chaos, details

'The Mechanics of Meaning' is an exhibition of mixed media art including many assemblages, and to varying degrees all works represent a personal post-concussive study of a decades-long journey through life with an ABI (Acquired Brain Injury). Also known as 'The Invisible Injury', for an ABI survivor to try and explain their new sense of normal to people can be compared to trying to nail a hunk of Jello to an orange tree; largely fruitless. That considered, the intention with 'The Mechanics of Meaning' is to 'visually' showcase the issues, experiences, challenges and the mechanics of navigating through life with an ABI.

Cultivated Landscapes: Reflections of Nature in Elgin County Selections from the Permanent Collection Gallery One and Two June 10 to July 22, 2023

Artists choose landscapes as their subjects for a variety of reasons. In addition to wanting to represent or replicate their obvious beauty, some artists create these depictions to study and explore various aesthetic elements, like light, colour, and texture. Additionally, some artists use scenes of nature to tell a story, illustrate an idea, or conceptualize a metaphor.

This exhibition will explore landscape painting using different media and approaches - from abstraction to representational painting - with the local landscape in and around Elgin County catalyzing their own artistic pursuits. Each artist chosen for a different perspective, both real and imaginary.

Artists included in the exhibition: William St. Thomas Smith, Ross Reverdy Osgood, Patrick Landsley, Carolyn Curtis, Jeff Wilmore, Robin Baratta, Ron Kingswood and many more.



Clark McDougall, *Salt Creek Cemetary*

PUBLIC ART CENTRE MEMBERSHIP 2023

Thank you to the following individuals, businesses and organizations for the continued support your membership demonstrates for the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre. The Art Centre hopes you will have the opportunity to take part in the wonderful exhibitions, classes, events and new initiatives planned for this year!

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2023, a renewal reminder letter has been sent to you. If you want to become a member for the first time, contact the Art Centre at 519-631-4040 or visit our website at www.stepac.ca for more information.

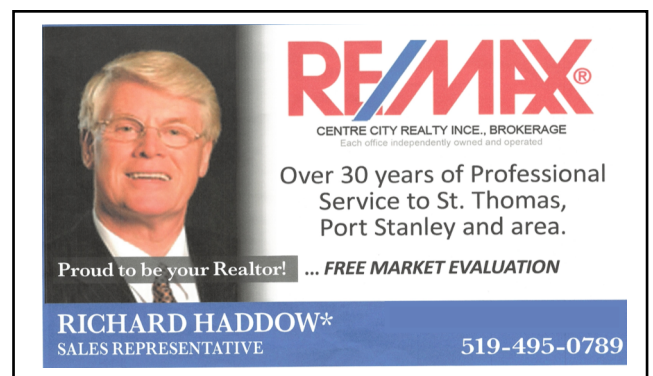
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July 29 to September 9, 2023
Application Deadline: July 15, 2023

Works entered must be an original composition created by the entrant. Submitted artwork must have been created within the past three years and not previously shown at the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre. All mediums are acceptable. No copies from other artists, from published material or supervised work will be considered.

Any artist over 18 years who resides in Southwestern Ontario may submit work.



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SPRING CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Elementary Expressions

April 15 - May 6, 2023
Saturdays from 10 - 11:30 am

Cost: \$50
(includes all materials)
grades JK-4

Drawing and Shading

April 15 - May 6, 2023
Saturdays from 1-3 pm
Instructor: Julianne Bryans

Cost: \$60
(includes all materials)
grades 5-8

Preschool Picasso

April 19 - May 10, 2023
Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Teagan Butler
Ages 18 months - 3 years
accompanied by an adult

Cost: \$30 (1 child and 1 adult)
A chance for your toddler (and you) to create, explore, play, learn and socialize with others!

LIFE DRAWING

May 2 - 23, 2023
Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm

self-paced with live model

\$60 bring the drawing media of your

This class is open to all adults including high school

PA DAY WORKSHOP

May 19, 2023
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Grades JK-4 Cost: \$50

CREATING TOGETHER

Saturday, April 29, 2023 1:30-3:00 pm

\$30.00 (one adult & one child)

A great opportunity for you and the young creative in your life to each make something special.

Paper flower activities that are fun, for beginner adults and above, and separate kid's activities for grades JK-4

In the main space. Refreshments.

Advance payment and registration are required for all classes & workshops. For more information or to register please call 519-631-4040.

THE GIFT SHOP

The Art Centre's gift shop offers a remarkable selection of: one-of-a-kind objects, original art and crafts, hands-on art packages and unique items. If you are looking for delightful gifts for Mother's Day, bridal showers, or year end gifts for that special person, start your search here!

New items are arriving all the time.



STOP BY TODAY AND CHECK IT OUT!

DROP-IN ACOUSTIC jam

Saturday
May 13, 27
June 17
from 1-3 pm

Bring an ACOUSTIC instrument, a tune, and enjoy this fun, supportive community! Or, just come and enjoy the magic that happens when creative minds come together unrehearsed.

301 TALBOT STREET

Print & Poster Sale

Gallery Three
April 21 to July 22, 2023



From April 21 to July 22, 2023 the Art Centre will be having a print and poster sale in Gallery Three. This sale will kick off during the rummage sale fundraiser and will feature a charming and varied selection of image and artists including: Alan Bernard, John Lander, Christine Marshall, Gill Moll, Ants Reigo and many more. You are sure to find something that appeals to you! As the prints and posters sell, new works will be added to the sale, so stop by often and check out the current selections.



The St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre will be holding a rummage sale fundraiser

Friday April 21, 2023

1:00 - 8:00 P.M.

301 Talbot Street St. Thomas

HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN ITEMS,
ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES, FUNITURE,
LIGHTING, TOYS, GAMES, PRINTS,
POSTERS, AND SO MUCH MORE!



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Friday 10 am - 8 pm Saturday 12-4 pm

