# NAG ARTISTS 2022



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#### **Message From the President**

I am delighted to introduce the 2022 Merrickville Artists' Guild Booklet. Our 2021 Booklet was a smash success and we very much appreciated its distribution by local businesses in Merrickville-Wolford. We have all experienced difficult times during the COVID-19 pandemic, but small businesses have been particularly hard hit and artists have struggled to find outlets to display and sell their work. The Merrickville Festival of the Arts, which was held in late August 2021, provided a unique opportunity to view beautiful art, listen to great music, watch theatrical productions and hear poetry read by local poets. In collaboration with the Merrickville Organization for Culture and the Arts (MOCA), MAG will once again participate in the Merrickville Festival of the Arts — stay tuned for details available on our Website, Facebook page and Instagram.

While in Merrickville, please do visit the Iron Forge Restaurant to view the MAG Gallery's latest installation of original art while enjoying their delicious food. I'm happy to note that our very popular "Conversations" is returning for another year. In-person presentations and lively discussions will take place at the Merrickville Legion in the Spring, Summer and Fall.

An exciting new initiative for MAG is the Emerging Artist Fund which provides three monetary awards per year of \$200 each. The goal of this program is to recognize, encourage and support local youth aged 14 - 18 to follow their passion for the arts. In addition to visual arts, literary and performing arts will also be eligible for the awards.

Many visitors to Merrickville-Wolford remark that the Village and surrounding areas are very photogenic. The Guild has many very accomplished photographers who have formed their own Photography Collective and meet regularly at the Merrickville Legion.

COVID-19 prevented MAG from holding its annual Fall Studio Tour. This was a long-standing event that was enjoyed by visitors and artists alike and we hope to offer this delightful event in the Fall.

This Booklet showcases the diversity of our artists and the beautiful fruits of their labour. A handy map of the Village and surrounding area will help situate you, where contact information for each of the artists is provided should you wish to purchase their art and visit their studios.

Welcome back to Merrickville-Wolford, it's going to be an exciting year for the arts!

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#### **Cate Brown**

Artist

Cate is an abstract artist of female nudes. She was born and raised in Ottawa, but was heavily influenced by the work of Picasso and Matisse as well as sculptors Antony Gormley and Constantin Brancusi during her time spent in Europe.

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#### Laura Brown Breetvelt

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#### Katharine Fletcher

Mixed Media, Printmaker, Ceramics

I am a fanciful dreamer who interprets the magic and mystery I perceive amid nature. My three primary themes – Spirit Horses, Enchanted (beings and landscapes) and Endangered – ask us to consider, cherish and protect the wild spaces and the ancient ones.

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Painter – Oil & Watercolour

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#### Paddy Gaffney

Colour Pencil, Pastel-Portrait Artist

Eyes are truly the windows to the soul. I've always been fascinated by facial expression, be it human or animals. With a fine arts background, I discovered while in isolation, the wonders of coloured pencil and pastel and the detail that can be achieved by these mediums. I work in charcoal, oil, acrylics and watercolor.

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Painter

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#### **Stephane Gendron**

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#### **Claudette Hart**

Artist

My artistic journey has been a very winding one, with many stops on the way. My present interlude involves alcohol inks: wild, vibrant, flowing, full of the unexpected!

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#### Johanna Jansen, вға, ма

Visual Artist

Johanna's artistic expression is based on nature; natural transitions, ephemeral effects and subtle nuances. This focus imbues all her work regardless of media: delicate ceramic horsehair, abstract paintings and mixed media. Objects of reflection, contemplation and beauty.

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#### Jane Jefferys

Artist

As a self taught artist working with acrylic paints, I create abstract florals, whimsical trees, and tranquil water scenes paintings. My artwork can also be found as wearable fashion designs and home decorative products. Please contact me for further information regarding available originals, quality reproductions and my wearable art.

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#### Jim Jordan

Painter - Oils, Pastels & Watercolours

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#### **Mary Loos**

Painter

Capturing the fleeting light through the trees on a forest walk or the mesmerizing sun's refection on the river fuel my spirit and pull me to the canvas. I follow the sun, the seasons and my own path.

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Painting gives me a chance to express feelings that can't be shown otherwise. My artwork takes a critical examination of nature, varying from florals to vast open skies. My goal with artwork is to invite the viewer to form a subconscious connection with the painting.

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#### **Herman Ruhland**

Painter/Maker

Born in the Netherlands, Herman has lived in Canada since 1959. Paints in oil, acrylic, maker of found-objects-assemblages and formal sculptures. Registered with the National Gallery of Canada as an artist-maker and member of North Gower Artists Society. Shows at several art galleries.

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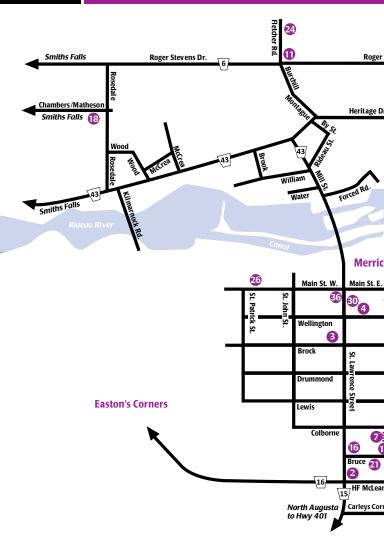
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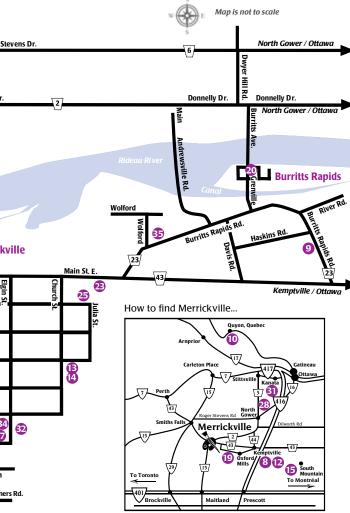




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## Merrickville and MAG ARTISTS 2022

#### Merrickville Artists' Guild

#### **Cover Story**

The Merrickville Artists' Guild is proud to feature the work of Pieter Doef on the cover of the 2022 MAG Artists' Booklet. Pieter has been a member of the Guild since its beginning and has had an illustrious career as a painter and sculptor. He continues to paint in his studio just outside of Merrickville at 698 McCrea Road. The painting was chosen for its original style, mastery of its composition and the hope inspired by these beautiful sunflowers Thank you for your wonderful work Pieter!





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To see and find the creative work of all our MAG artists, go to the following social media sites:



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https://www.twitter.com/MerrickArtGuild



Website:

https://www.mag-artists.ca

The social-media pages provide updated information and an opportunity for the online community to engage directly with our MAG community. Visit our MAG artists online and/or directly at upcoming events, when available, and keep this booklet handy for the future.







#### **Remembering Jim Weller**

Sadly, in 2021, MAG artist Jim Weller passed away unexpectedly at the age of 85. Jim was a Past President of the Merrickville Artists' Guild and was instrumental in helping to keep the Guild cohesive and relevant to the community of Merrickville-Wolford and beyond. His bold use of colour and original interpretation of landscapes and other subjects gave the viewer an intimate insight into his creative expression. Jim was soft spoken, thoughtful and enormously talented. He was always interested in discussing his art and offered encouragement to his fellow artists. We were fortunate to have produced a short video of Jim in 2020 in his studio discussing his work – viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=Houq1HfetnA

## Artist's Statement – Biography

"The University of Toronto School of Architecture insisted that I draw, sketch and design on a daily basis. Five years of this as well as courses on colour theory constituted my boot camp training in the visual arts. This was reinforced by an annual two-week sketch camp in the fall. While I was at the University of Toronto I was also the cartoonist for the student



paper, The Varsity. After the demands of my professional career and family had eased, I was able to take up painting in a more serious manner. I embarked on the path of transparent watercolour — a medium that has enormous personal appeal because of its spontaneity and difficulty. More recently I have taken up oils and acrylics which present their own challenges."

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#### Merrickville Artists' Guild

#### **MAG Events and Programs for 2022**

Please consult our website and social-media pages for any updates or changes to the dates of events.

#### MAG Gallery - Iron Forge

Through the generosity of the Iron Forge Restaurant (206 Main Street West), MAG has establish a gallery to showcase the work of Guild artists. "All About Colour" opens on March 19 and runs until June 18, 2022. This is a great opportunity to have a delicious meal and view wonderful works of art. For more details, please contact Kenna McCall at: kennajmccall@gmail.com, and Marje Fletcher at: marjefletcher@xplornet.com.

#### Conversations

MAG Conversations is coming back after a two-year hiatus! This forum offers a great opportunity to hear presentations and engage in a discussion on diverse aspects of art.

Four Conversations are being planned for 2022; Thursday, March 17, Thursday, June 9, Thursday, September 15 and Thursday, November 17. All events take place at the Merrickville Legion (229 Main Street West) in the Club Room - doors open at 7:00 PM.

For more information contact Leanne Mundy at lelizabeth.mundy@gmail.com or Chuck Willemsen at chuck@willemsen.ca.

#### **Photography Collective**

Meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month except during July and August as photographers are on summer adventures. The location is the upstairs room at the Merrickville Legion (229 Main Street West) at 7:00 PM.

Check our the Collective's Facebook page for any last-minute adjustments at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/MAGPhotographyCollective/

#### **Emerging Artist Program**

The Merrickville Artists' Guild has begun the implementation of a new program for aspiring young artists. The goal of the Emerging Artist Program is to recognize, encourage and support local youth to follow their passion for the arts. Applications will be considered from three areas of the arts:

- The Visual Arts: painting and drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, craft and design
- · The Literary Arts: creative writing, poetry, prose
- · The Performing Arts: Music, Dance, Drama

Three monetary awards of \$200 will be granted to assist with necessary purchases toward realizing a future artistic pursuit or project. The Program is open to applicants aged 14-18 living in the Merrickville-Wolford and Burritts Rapids area and/or attending Smith Falls DCI, North Grenville DHS, St Michael CHS, St Luke CHS or Merrick Preparatory School. Information and forms have been circulated to secondary schools in the catchment area and can also be found on the MAG webpage; https://www.mag-artists.ca/For additional information please contact Fiona Macintyre at: fionamacintyredesigns@gmail.com.



#### Merrickville Festival of the Arts

The 2nd Merrickville Festival of the Arts is organized by MOCA - the Merrickville Organization for Culture & the Arts with key engagement by MAG artists and Theatre Night in Merrickville. Tentative dates for the Festival are July 22 - 24, 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear great music, watch theatrical productions, hear original poetry being read, and, of course, to view the beautiful work of MAG artists. Most activities will take place in the Blockhouse Park on the banks of the Rideau Canal and across the street beside the Main Street Restaurant. For more information, please contact Nick Previsich at: nprevisich@bell.net.

#### Fall Studio Tour

Merrickville is known for its very popular annual Studio Tours held each Fall. The pandemic forced us to think creatively and in 2020 we held a virtual studio tour. However, plans are underway to resume an in-person Studio Tour. Dates for the Tour have yet to be determined. Please consult our website and social-media pages for any updates.







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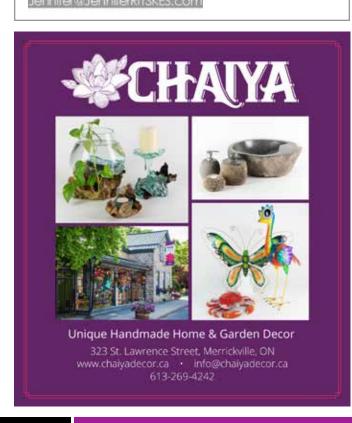
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