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Photo by Artists' Co-op member Telfer Wegg

## **WELCOME SPRING!**

*After what has seemed like the longest winter ever (isn't every winter?), a couple of warm days in May followed by rain and the area has exploded in myriad shades of green and flowers are blossoming.*

*To continue with our "Made in Canada" theme of the previous months, in June the Artists' Co-op window will celebrate the area's agricultural roots.*

*Thank you to our faithful patrons who braved this winter's weather to come in to make purchases - they often say the Co-op is their go-to store for unique gifts for all occasions- wedding, birthday, retirement - and even gifts for themselves! We appreciate your business!*

*~ Bonnie Gardiner*

## **RETAIL HOURS**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY 10am to 5pm**

**OPEN SUNDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>** - official opening of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave East (street behind the co-op) River District

**Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>**- Music Festival on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave East beginning at 1:00 pm

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** - Artwalk and Plein Air event - Shirra Benson will be Plein Air painting on the street.



## LEGACY GALLERY

The opening for the Annual High School Show was held May 3 in the Legacy Gallery. Judges for the event were Stuart Reid, Pam McCowan and Jenn Klemm. A high calibre of pieces were hung from area high schools: KDSS - Kincardine District Secondary School; OSDSS - Owen Sound District Secondary School; WDCS - Walkerton District Community School; SDSS-Saugeen District Secondary School; St. Mary's High School; and Saint Dominique-Savio. 115 pieces of artwork were received.

**Award winners were:** first Place: KDSS's Siennah Pye "Sole Essence of Reciprocity"(top right hand photo) ; second Place KDSS's Jacob Curran "Figure Painting" (lower left photo); and third Place WDCS's Leopold Baker "Stand-In Angels"(bottom right photo).

**Honorary Mentions were:** KDSS Kasey Edwards "Family", WDCS Hayden Lloyd "Soaring", Saint Dominique Savio Ethan Cremasco "All Me", WDCS Onyx Berfelz "Anton Petrovitch", SDSS Rena McQuiggin "Freedom as a Bird", and OSDSS Caliana Rebelo "Purple Lemons".

Members of the public were invited to cast ballots for "**People's Choice Show Award**" which went to the first place winner Siennah Pye, "Sole Essence of Reciprocity".

### UPCOMING IN THE LEGACY GALLERY

**JUNE:** Peter John Reid's Masters Class show

**JULY AND AUGUST NEW!!-** Square Foot show - overall size to be 12" x 12", submission fee of \$20 for up to 4 pieces and \$40 for 5 to 8 pieces, minimum price \$150.00 for pieces

**SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:** Pottery and Glass Show - unique pieces from members plus many guest artists.

#### NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER:

Christmas show featuring items made by members and those who were guest artists at the Co-op during 2025



# GUEST ARTISTS

## MAY GUEST ARTISTS:

**Michelle Brown** - watercolour on cotton (bottom right photo)  
**Maureen Munden** - acrylic painting (middle photo) and  
**Greg Elsdon** - acrylic painting (top photo)

## JUNE GUEST ARTISTS:

**Lydia Knox**  
 impressionist oil landscapes and portraits  
**Maria Hansford**  
 mixed media textile collages and beaded dolls  
**Bev Clark**  
 acrylic paintings of local landscapes

## JULY GUEST ARTISTS:

**Raquell Yang**  
 mixed media with portrait painting - a new series of mixed human and animal faces  
**Deidre Chase**  
 oil paintings  
**Diane Schurman**  
 watercolour animals with character

## AUGUST GUEST ARTISTS:

**Janet Saunders**  
 acrylic paintings  
**Melanie Earle (Sourceworks)** cast cement sculpture for outdoor/indoor use and mixed media wall art inspired by nature  
**Ofra Svorai**  
 tee shirts and sweatshirts printed with her paintings



# NEXT GENERATION

Logan Smit was the Next Generation Artist at the Co-op during the month of May, displaying an amazing collection of woodworking as pictured below.



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### JULY AND AUGUST:

**Paxton Van Wyck**  
 acrylic paintings

### SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

**Willow Cushnie**  
 abstract portraits and impressions dealing with her experiences as a trans person

# NEW IN THE FOOD GALLERY

Dyed and spun wool by Christine Woollacott.



## OWEN SOUND ARTISTS' CO-OP MEMBERS

Armstrong, Michael (Turned Out Great) **Wood**

turnedoutgreat.ca

Assenheim, Naomi (Opal Wing) **Jewellery** [www.opalwing.com](http://www.opalwing.com)

Ball, Ron **Wood** [www.facebook.com/waltersfallsgroupofartists](http://www.facebook.com/waltersfallsgroupofartists)

Benson, Shirra **Painting** [www.NadurArtStudio.com](http://www.NadurArtStudio.com)

Bi, Emily **Painting** [www.ginkgofootprints.com](http://www.ginkgofootprints.com)

Blakey, Katelyn **Jewellery**

Cameron, Karen (Bella Grey) **Jewellery**  
[www.fb.com/BellaGreyJewelleryDesign](http://www.fb.com/BellaGreyJewelleryDesign)

Clowes, Sharilyn (Forty Hills Forge) **Metal**

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Cluchey, Larry **Wood** [cluchey.ca](http://cluchey.ca)

Cottrill, Adam (temporary) **Wooden turned items**

Coultas, Stella **Painting/Sculpture** [www.StellaCoultasArt.com](http://www.StellaCoultasArt.com)

Crow-Repke, Debbie **Painting** <https://www.crowcornerstudio.com/>

Davidson, Elaine **Painting** [www.artistelainedavidson.blogspot.com](http://www.artistelainedavidson.blogspot.com)

Elliott, Sylvia **Mixed Media Collage**

Earle, Melanie (Source-works) **Ceramics/Pottery**

Fox, Murray **Pottery**

Fairchild, Gayle **Pottery**

Gardiner, Bonnie **Painting** [www.bonniegardiner.com](http://www.bonniegardiner.com)

Gates, Kim (Luna Moon) **Jewellery** [www.lunamoon.ca](http://www.lunamoon.ca)

Hammer, Marilyn, **Jewellery** <https://blossom-hills.square.site/>

Harvey, Louise **Pottery**

Heathfield, Elisabeth, **Pottery**

Hirt, Jessie (Woodlot) **Wood** [www.thewoodlot.ca](http://www.thewoodlot.ca)

Hong Louie, Jim **Ceramics/Pottery (on leave until January 2026)**

Irvine, Joan **Painting**

Maw, Kelly **Painting** [www.kellymaw.com](http://www.kellymaw.com)

McArthur, Mallori **Glass**

McCowan, Pam **Sculpture**

Millar, Amanda (Full Circle) **Ceramics** Insta: @fullcircle.ceramics

Miller, Jana **Jewellery** [www.facebook.com/JanaMillerArt](http://www.facebook.com/JanaMillerArt)

Miller, Susan **Fused Glass**

Minke, Michelle (temporary) **Watercolours**

Mund, Richard **Ceramics/Pottery** [www.richardmundpottery.ca](http://www.richardmundpottery.ca)

Norris, Carol **Photography** [www.lighthousephotogallery.com](http://www.lighthousephotogallery.com)

Robert, Chelsea (temporary) **Painter**

Saunders, Chris & Arlene (Old Soul) **Metal/Painting.** [www.oldsoul.ca](http://www.oldsoul.ca)

Smith, Timothy (Gleasonbrook Pottery) **Ceramics/Pottery**  
[www.gleasonbrookpottery.com](http://www.gleasonbrookpottery.com)

Sparks, Susan **Textiles**

Svorai, Ofra **Painting** [www.ofrasvorai.com](http://www.ofrasvorai.com)

ten Cate, Annette **Ceramic Sculpture**

Van Veen, Will **Stamp Collage**

Wegg, Telfer **Photography**

### BOARD MEMBERS

Kelly Maw - President

Arlene Saunders- Secretary

Timothy Smith - Treasurer

Ron Ball - Maintenance

Amanda Millar - member at large

Ofra Svorai - Store Layout

Larry Cluchey Co- treasurer

Murray Fox - Chair of Board

### MANAGER

Anne Paterson

Michael Armstrong - member at large

## RETIREMENT

After 30 years with the Co-op, Jeweller Ann Wylie-Toal will be retiring at the end of May. Ann was the first jeweller who joined the Co-op six months after its opening. Ann will still be offering her jewellery for sale at The Lighthouse Gallery, Southampton and Local Colour, Flesherton. Enjoy your first summer off in 30 years Ann!

## BECAUSE YOU ASKED....

Many visitors to the Co-op inquire about the monorail money track on the original tin ceiling. It was installed in 1905 in the original McKay Bros. store. On You Tube if you query McKay Brothers Money Track in Owen Sound you will see the track in operation.

