# The Accidental Art Curator

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## "I never read. I just look at pictures."

**Andy Warhol** 

#### History





#### Community





## Does your library exhibit art?



## Do you manage art displays at your library?



Do you have a degree in art curation or museum studies?

## Only one of your duties

## Accidental Art Curator









#### The literature

#### 316 websites

#### 51 public libraries

#### Curator

#### **Adrian George**

#### The Curator's Handbook

Museums

**Commercial Galleries** 

**Independent Spaces** 

## Selector of art for an exhibition

## Behind the scenes administration

## Art curators bring exhibitions to life



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#### 1. Look at your space

#### Dedicated rooms



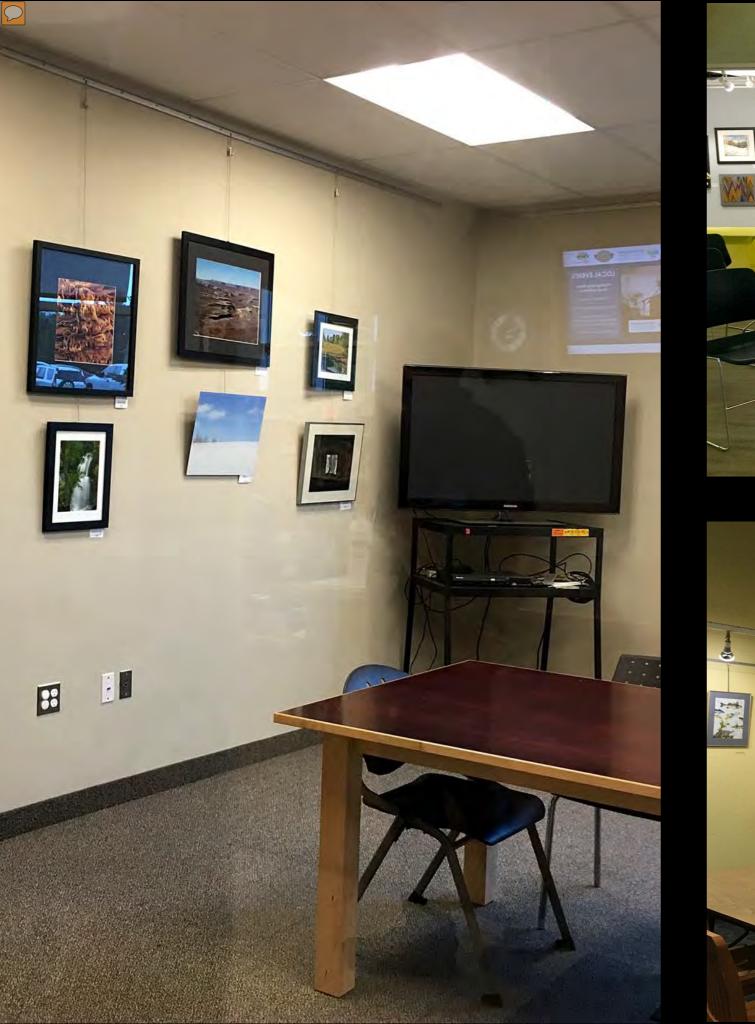




#### Meeting rooms









## Wall spaces





















## No wall space?













## 2. Decide on the type of show

### Permanent collection





### "THE BOWMAN COLLECTION"

DONATED BY DOROTHY AND JIM BOWMAN AND THEIR DAUGHTER CAROL BOWMAN.

IN 1987 THE NEWMARKET PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS
VERY FORTUNATE TO BE THE BENEFICIARY OF THIS
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RELATING TO ART TO BE PLACED IN NEWMARKET
LIBRARIES. THE FUNDS WERE INVESTED IN TRUST
FOR THIS PURPOSE UNTIL 1998 WHEN A
COLLECTION OF WORKS OF ART WAS SELECTED
AND PURCHASED TO FORM A PERMANENT
GALLERY IN THE LIBRARY.

THE BOWMANS WERE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN

THE CULTURAL LIFE OF THE TOWN OF

NEWMARKET. THE NEWMARKET PUBLIC LIBRARY IS

VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND

EXTRAORDINARY GIFT.

MAY THE CITIZENS OF NEWMARKET ENJOY THIS COLLECTION ALWAYS.



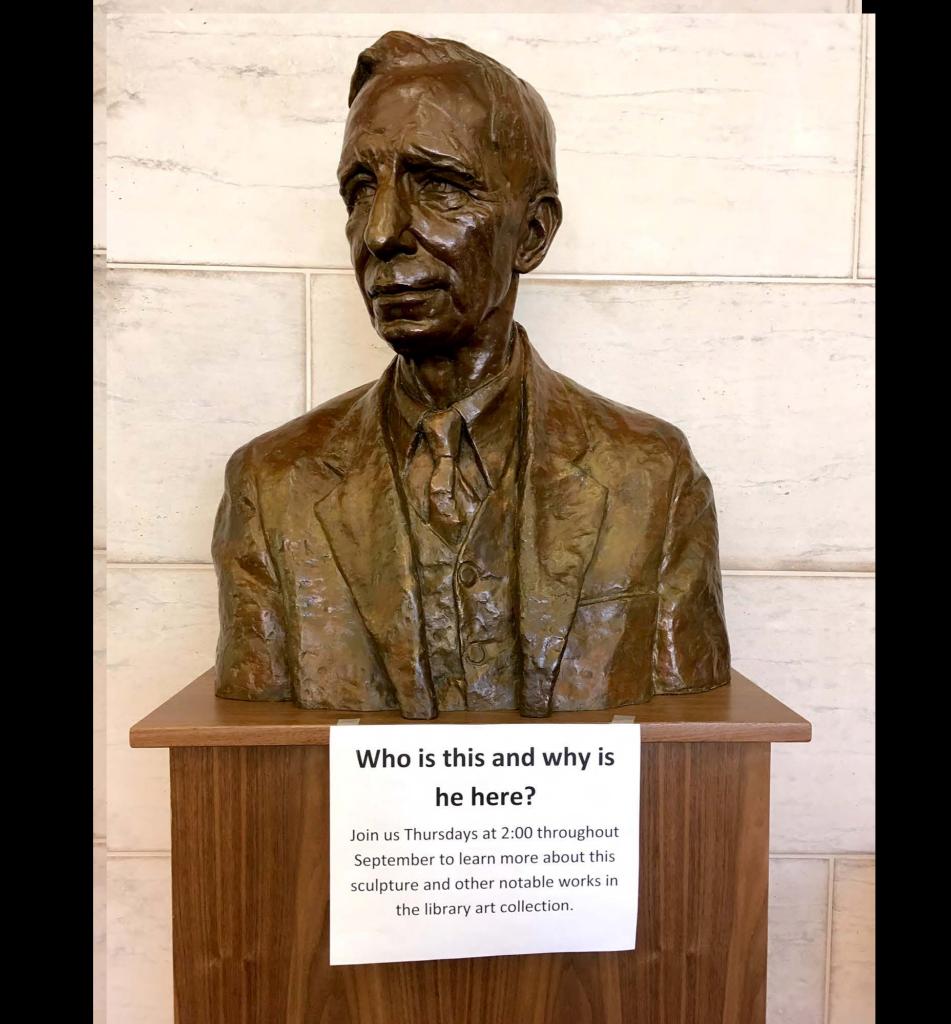






## Enliven a static collection







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### **Bowman Collection**

Records

Description

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### Owl, eagle, butterfly transformation

1995 Dorothy Clark McClure, of Aurora, teaches art throughout York Region; she is an accomplished artist who accepts commissions from the corporate and private sectors. Since 1992, she has been working on a new art form - "intuitive painting" - which she describes as an "amazing and beautiful new way...



### Food chain

Shella Ghazarian is a Newmarket artist and art instructor. The subjects in her paintings, sculptures or etchings attempt to describe relationships with nature and her surroundings. The painting "Food Chain" shows a murky ocean floor with few remaining aquatic life forms. It voices my concerns,...



### Castle in clouds

Alana Biasi, of Newmarket, has been teaching art in York Region. She mainly works in watercolours, but also in acrylics and sculpture. She has won top honours in several exhibitions.



### Earth watch

With love for nature and passionate about the Canadian landscape, Johanna creates works of great strength in watercolour, oil and acrylic, with the aspiration to evoke in the viewer a feeling of joy and gratitude for what man has been given to cherish and protect. Note on reverse side: Born in...



### Temperance

1996 Rebecca Cowan is an award-winning printmaker and book artist living in Kingston. Over the last twenty-five years her work has been exhibited extensively in Canada, as well as internationally in the United States, India, Korea and Australia. Ms. Cowan has had solo exhibitions in Toronto and...

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### Media Types Image (57)

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### Contributors

Newmarket Public Library (58)

### Years

1980s 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990s 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999

### Subjects

Only the top 50 will appear here.

Acrylic paintings (8) Casein paintings (1)

Charcoal drawings (1) Clay (1)

Contemporary Canadian Art (58)

Drawings (1) Etchings (1) Graphite drawings (2)

Lithographs (17) Mixed media (3)

Oil on canvas (4) Oil on linen (1) oil on masonite (1)

## Temporary exhibitions













# Permanent collection only?



# Temporary exhibitions only?



# Both permanent and temporary shows?

## 3. Source and schedule art

The Arts Advisory Council presents



### The Gift of Love

Artists celebrate a month of Valentines

January 28 — March 2, 2017 Opening reception: Saturday, January 28, 2-4

> L. E. Shore Memorial Gallery 173 Bruce Street, S, Thornbury

For more information call 519-599-3681 www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca



### Calling all artists and artisans!

The Arts Advisory Council for the Blue Mountains Public Library is sponsoring an open invitation, 'blues inspired', Arts and Craft exhibit, titled February Blues.

Artists are invited to explore and celebrate BLUE: the colour, the music, the place or the mood!

Accepting work: Thursday, February 1st, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Show runs February 3 - March 1, 2018

Opening reception: Saturday, February 3rd, 2-4 pm

There is a \$10.00 registration fee, which includes 1-3 entries

The library commission is 25%

All works should be available for purchase.

Contact the library for more information email: aac@thebluemountains.ca phone: 519-599-3681

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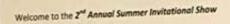
## Connect with artists





## Advisors

## ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS



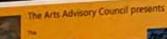
During the month of June, the Arts and Advisory Council for Blue Mountains Public Library presents the 2<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Invitational

Seven established local artists were approached by the Arts Council to represent a cross-section of styles and mediums. Participating artists will be present at the opening reception on Saturday, July 8", 2-4 p.m. in the Gallery, to greet the public and answer questions.

The 2017 Summer Invitational includes Densk Scott, Ofra Svoral, Mary McTaggart, Dianne Cruttenden, Bonnie Dorgelo, Karen Cameron, and

Please join us Saturday, July 8th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. for the opening

The show runs from July 2<sup>nd</sup> till August 3<sup>rd</sup>



#### 2nd Summer Invitational



Dianne Cruttenden Bonnie Dorgelo Mary McTaggart

Karen Cameron



Opening Reception: Saturday, July 8, 2 - 4 p.m.

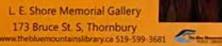
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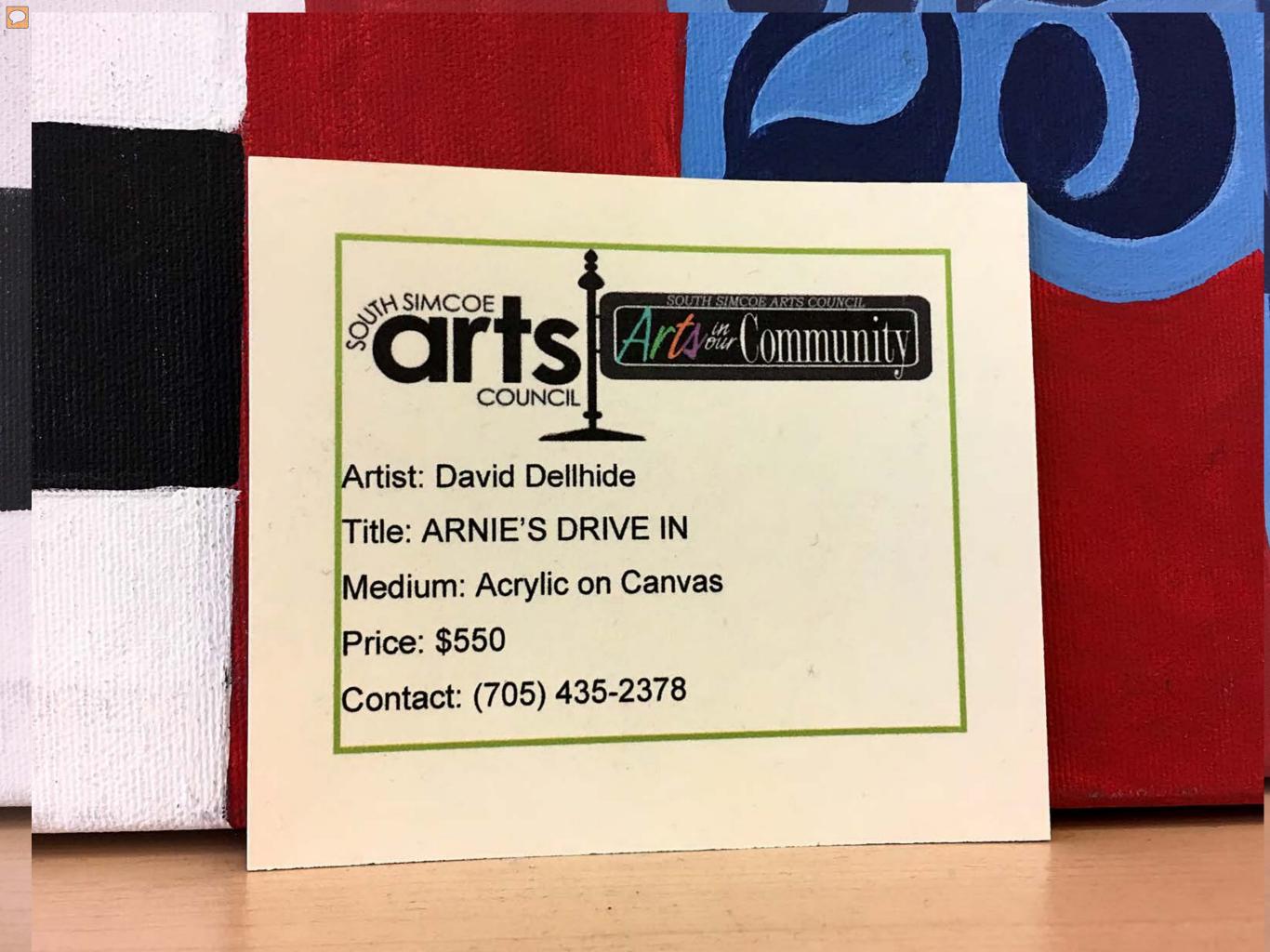








# Local arts organizations



# Don't give up responsibility

# Art display policy

## Exhibition spaces available

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## Exhibition spaces available

## Duration of shows

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Insurance information

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Promotional methods

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Responsibilities of artists

# Promote your art display space

# Artists want exhibit space



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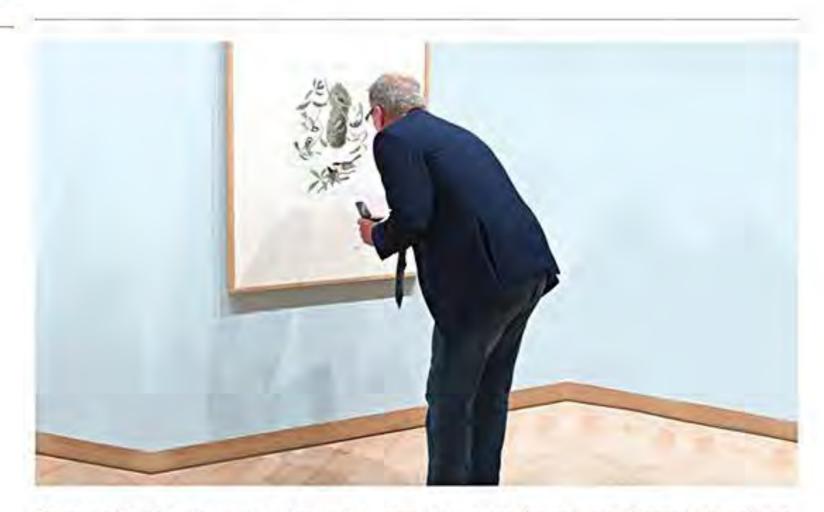
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Art Exhibit Space

Art Exhibit Insurance

### Art Exhibit Space



Toronto Public Library is pleased to provide space for art exhibits which reflect the diverse cultural interests of the City and its neighbourhoods. Art Exhibits spaces are included in 14 of our locations across the city.

Submissions are accepted once a year. The Art Selection Committee considers works in all media, including photography, but not sculptures. Selected artists are given a one-month showing. Preference will be given to exhibitors who live

## Schedule in advance



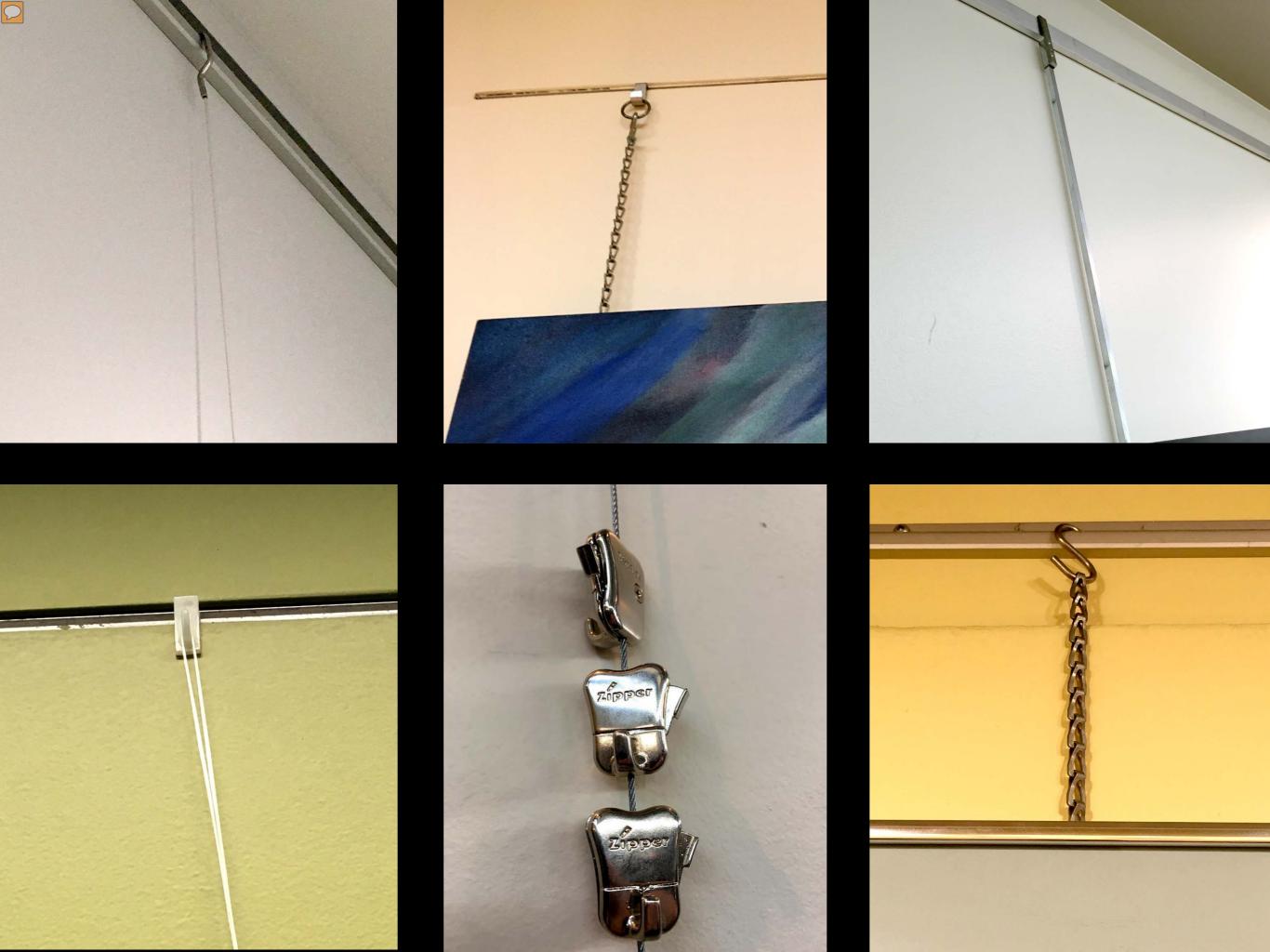
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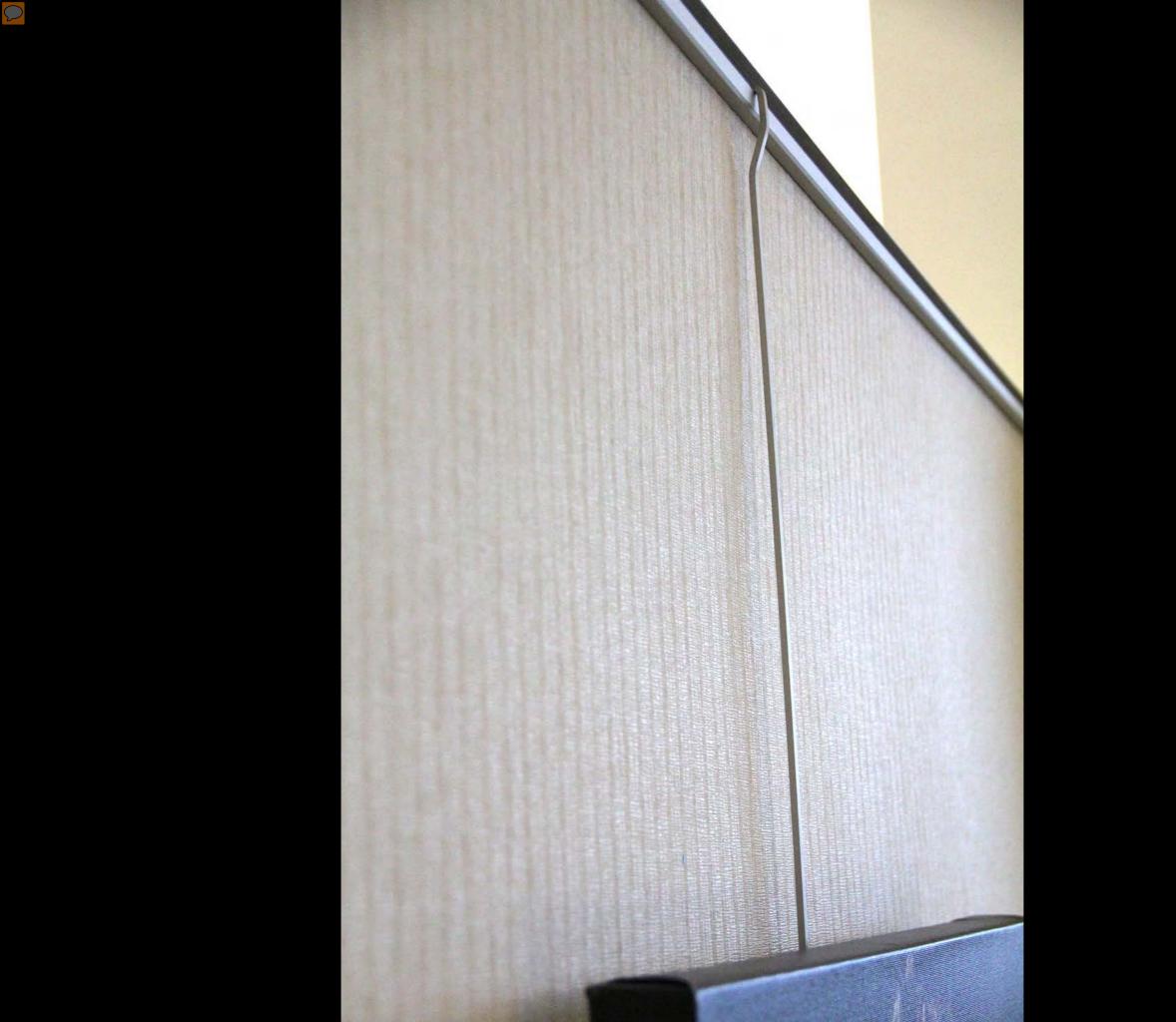


## 4. Hang the show













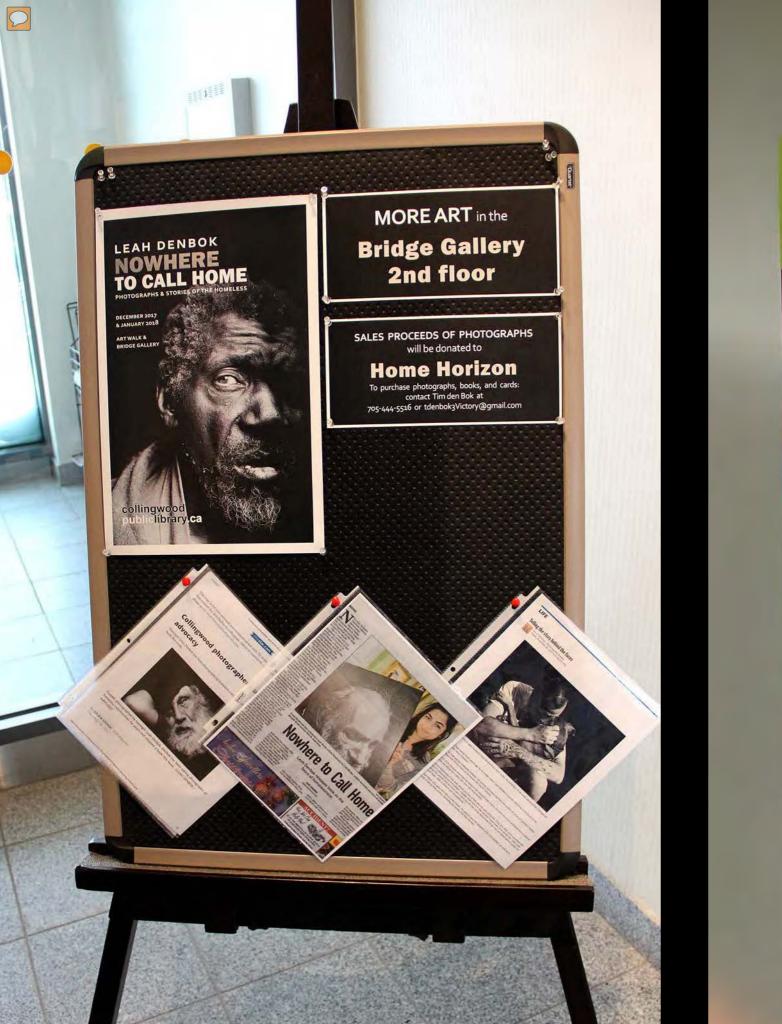




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## 5. Promote the show

## Identify the show



## CENTRAL LIBRARY

## ART GALLERY



### WHAT DO YOU SEE

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August 1 - 26, 2016

Opening Reception:

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Kitchener Public Library

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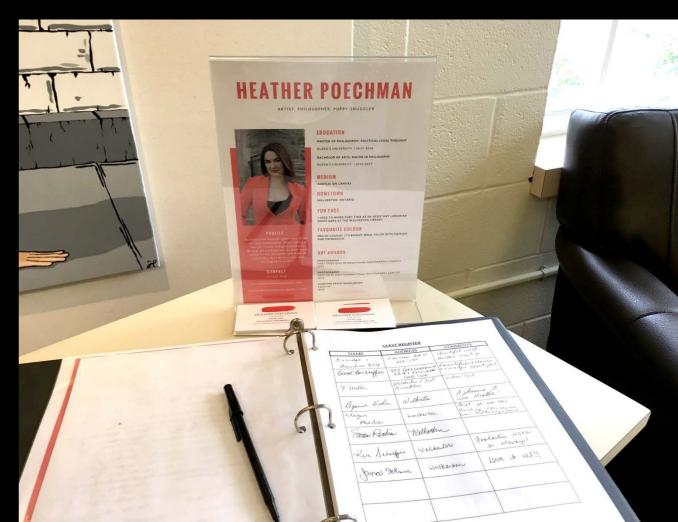
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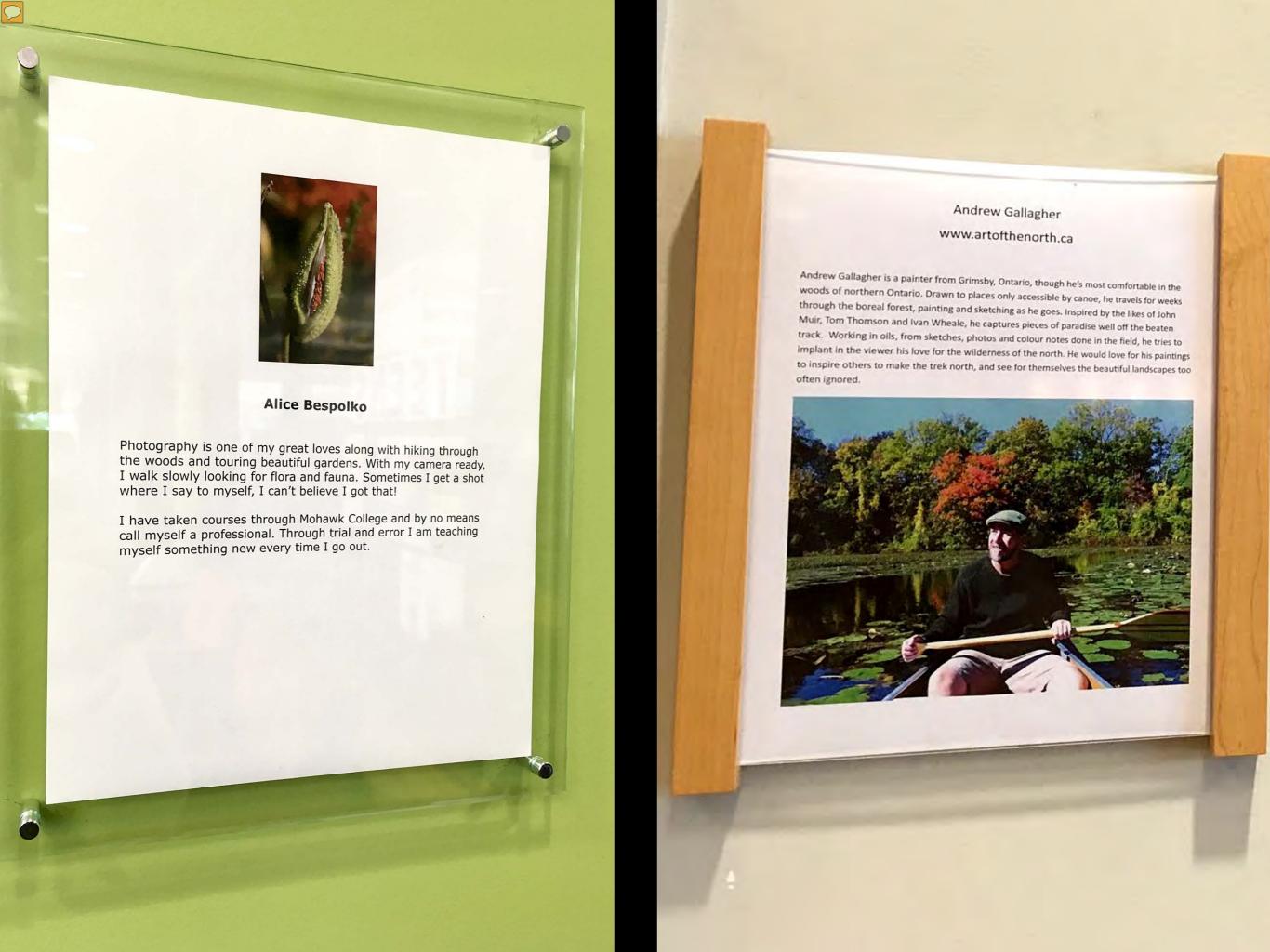
















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Enjoy the art of the community while in the Library.

Art is displayed on the north & west walls of the Main Library and above the shelves in the Children's Library.

#### **Current Exhibitions**

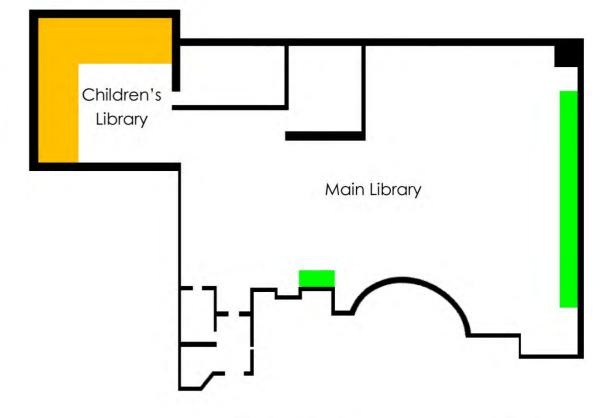
#### **Adult Exhibition**

Pat Whittle September 26 -

November 30







#### Children's Exhibition

Huntsville Public

School

October 2014





Interested in displaying your art in the Library? Contact us at 705-789-5232 for more information.



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#### **Current Art Exhibitions**

Leah Denbok: Nowhere to Call Home Photographs & Stories of the Homeless



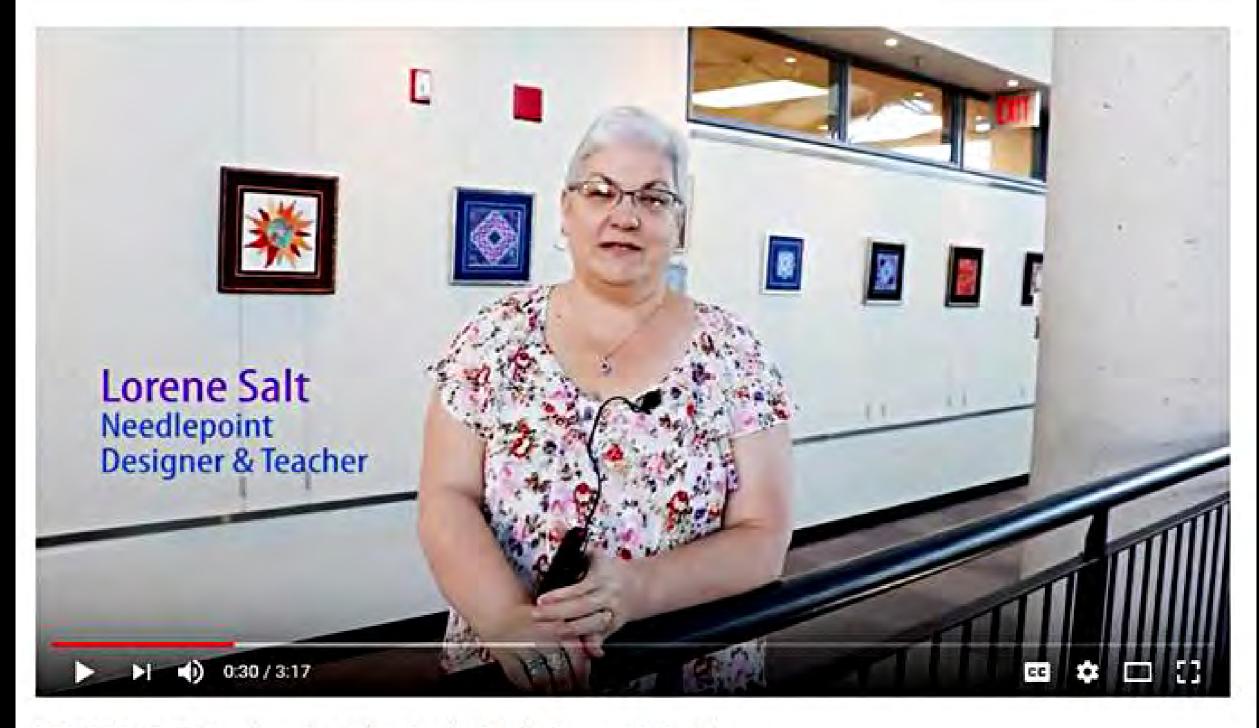
December 2, 2017 to January 31, 2018 in the Art Walk & Bridge Gallery

#### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Leah Denbok is 17 years old and lives in Collingwood, Ontario. Since the age of 13, she has been mentored by Joel Sartore, a National Geographic photographer.

For the last couple of years, she has been traveling, along with her dad, to cities throughout North America photographing the homeless and recording their stories.

After the publication of a book based on these experiences called *Nowhere to Call Home, Volume 1*, as well as a CBC documentary about Leah's photography, she has gained attention worldwide, from a story on the BBC and special guest at ArtWalk New York to speaking at the Women of the World festival in Australia and sharing the stage with Prince Harry at WE Day in Toronto.



LORENE SALT Needlepoint Taken to the Ninth Degree APL video

313 views



















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### Let the paint move

### Paintings by Dianne Feaver on exhibit at Collingwood Public Library



"Seven" by Dianne Feaver, a painting in the "alla prima" style. Acrylic on heavy paper, 18x26

Collingwood, ON (April 17, 2015) – Collingwood Public Library is hosting a new art exhibition this May and June, showcasing the work of Collingwood painter Dianne Feaver.

Called "Abstract alla Prima: Painting the Unexpected," the show provides an opportunity to see the results of one artist's exploration into abstract painting in a style called "alla prima."

"Alla prima" comes from the Italian, meaning "at once." It is a style of painting where, instead of building up colours with layers or glazing over an underpainting, the piece is completed while the paint is still wet.

"Strictly defined, an alla prima painting would be started and finished in one painting session," says Feaver, "but the term is also more loosely applied to any painting done in a direct, expressive style, with minimal preparation."

To create in this style, Feaver begins by laying out a pallet of acrylic colours and a wide variety of painting tools. Then, working quickly while the paint is wet, she applies and removes layers of colour, intuitively responding to spontaneous marks.

<sup>&</sup>quot;This method challenges an artist's concentration," Feaver says, "as the whole painting develops all at the same time."





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### Keep staff informed

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# Community



## Opportunity for artists



### Staff love art



### Accidental art curator

### Library art curator

# Takeaways

# "I never read. I just look at pictures."

**Andy Warhol** 

### Special thanks

Marian Kutarna

Mississauga Public Library (Central)

Wanda Haayen

Blue Mountains Public Library (L.E. Shore Memorial)

Stephanie Donkers-Schmalz

Kitchener Public Library (Central)

**Hilary Murphy** 

Markham Public Library (Angus Glen)

and all the public libraries I visited