

#### **WOW – The Fort Erie Arts Council is a happening!**

#### Written by new FEAC Board Member Brenda Daneyko

Along with 3 others, I recently joined the Fort Erie Arts Council Boardas secretary, and it is very impressive how dedicated all members are to building a wonderful arts community in Fort Erie. Since 2005 and surviving Covid it is so great to have a place to share and display the creativity in our community.

Our **Annual General Meeting** was held at the HUB on March 26th and we had a packed room as this is an open meeting to all interested. As a not for profit, the Fort Erie Arts Council work and play hard at sharing artistic talent and classes with the public. There was a delicious table of munchies provided by a new Board member, Barbara Koturbash,

Thank – you Barbara. She declined reimbursement and requested we donate the cash to the Lincoln County Humane Society which we gratefully will. We have a big year ahead with many exciting plans.



Local Women Showcased Their Art On International Women's Day

On International Women's Day the Fort Erie Arts Council held a 2 hour "pop up" event to celebrate the local women artists and invite people into the gallery to meet some of the members and artists and their creations. It was a success and we made the front page of the paper!

Thanks to the Fort Erie Observer and Christine Whelan for reporting about it. Click on the link to read the front page article, which continues on page 5. March 30 Edition

During March Break we hosted Childrens' Art Camp at the Fort Erie Optimist Club run by local artist Melani Pyke. It was a huge success and a hint of what is to come with our upcoming Summer Camp.

Melani Pyke teaches many classes and also displayed "live" painting during Ridgefest.

We welcome all volunteers and have high school students receiving their volunteer hours towards graduation.



We are looking forward to our next Red Ribbon Fundraiser and are planning for it to be even bigger and better than 2022.



So many classes, paint nights, Kidoodle art classes, daytime acrylic and watercolour classes with more coming.

I cannot wait to see what the future holds!

Fridays and Saturdays, our Hub and Gallery is open and if the lights are on we would love you to come on in.

**The Farmers Market** (Opening Saturday, May 13/2023) is just around the corner, and we hope you will make the Fort Erie Arts Council HUB at 246 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway a part of your day. Stop in for a view, chat or even purchase some of your own original art.

We welcome everyone because – Art is "The expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, providing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty OR emotional power."

......Oxford Dictionary

# KIDS!

JOIN US FOR A MAKE N TAKE
AT THE FEAC HUB AND
GALLERY



SATURDAY MAY 20TH 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM 246 RIDGE ROAD N



### **Volunteers Required**



Creative volunteers are need to assist us host our Make'n'Take for our community children On Saturday, May 20th. Help for two hours or more.

The Make'n'Take project will take up to 15 minutes with each child. **Duties include**: 9:00am setup and 2:00pm clean up. Help guide the children through the creative steps. Promote the Fort Erie Arts Council

with those who stop by. Take photos. Crowd control.

If you are available on Saturday, May 20th please send Maria an email at artscouncilforterie@gmail.com

## **Upcoming Art Classes**



Birds in Acrylics, Instructor: Mel Pyke



# PAINT NIGHT SERIES

Last Wednesday of the month, 7-9pm



FEAC Hub and Gallery, 246 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway

Limit of 12 participants, so register today: www.forterieartscouncil.com



Questions? Please contact artscouncilforterie@gmail.com

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# Become a supporter of the ARTS in your Fort Erie Community.

Your support and contributions will enable us to meet our goals and improve conditions. Your generous donation will help fund our mission.

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**FEAC 2023 Membership Still Available** 



#### **FEAC Member Benefits:**

Membership duration January - December

Eligible to apply for Hub & Gallery Exhibition: a maximum of 5 pieces exhibited (limited to 3 for larger pieces) and/or up to 20 pieces of smaller items such as prints, cards, jewelry etc.

Post up to 6 of art pieces per quarter on the FEAC Online Art Shop Online Art Shop pieces promoted on the FEAC Social Media platforms (Instagram and Facebook)

Receive e-blasts or newsletters for events and opportunities Eligible to apply for board positions

Volunteer Opportunities

Participate on Committees

Arts Council voting status

Cross-promotion with other organizations

Cross-membership exchanges, discounts and affiliations

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Your Fort Erie Arts Council Board Members and Instructors







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