



## Welcome to our Fort Erie Arts Council newsletter

In this edition, we will share with you the following topics:

- \* FEAC Gallery Volunteers
- \* Grant Funding
- \* Red Ribbon Update
- \* Pop-Up Artist Exhibit
- \* Gifting of Technology



## FEAC Gallery Volunteers



**We are sending out a BIG Thank You to VOLUNTEERS, Nora & Larry Mathewson, Diane Perham and Donna MacLeod.**

Since we reopened the gallery in the beginning of July, we have generated \$1455 in art sales. We would not have been able to do this without the help of our wonderful volunteers who share their time with us so that we can open our Hub & Gallery doors.

We are presently open on Fridays 10 - 2 and Saturdays 9 -1.

The [Fort Erie Arts Council](#) would like the Gallery to be open a few more days a week; Wednesday, and Thursday so we are looking for more volunteers. A minimum shift commitment is two hours.

Some of your duties would include greeting and engaging art enthusiasts, encouraging FEAC memberships & art classes, processing the sales of members' artwork and general cleaning and tidiness of the gallery.

If you would like to volunteer at the FEAC Gallery, please send an email to [artscouncilforerie@gmail.com](mailto:artscouncilforerie@gmail.com) with the Subject line: **Volunteering at the Gallery** and in the body of the email please outline your volunteer details and availability. Thanks in advance.

Other **Volunteer Opportunities** are available at our upcoming **Pop-Up Art Exhibit** (see below)

## Grant Funding



*Niagara Investment in Culture*

We are excited to announce that [Niagara Investment in Culture](#) (NIC) has chosen the Arts Council to be a recipient of a program grant. This funding will provide us the support needed to implement programming this Fall for youths aged 13 - 17 and seniors residing in long term care.

*Stay tuned for further details.*

## Red Ribbon is Postponed



*Red Ribbon Photos*

Due to the limitations of social gathering numbers, the FEAC board has decided to postpone our major “not for profit” fundraiser, our 16th annual [Red Ribbon Event](#). It was scheduled for Nov 7th, 2020.

We are considering a February date for Red Ribbon. We will let everyone know more details as we continue to plan it and the Covid-19 safety restrictions are lifted or changed. Stay tuned for our next newsletter.

## **Pop-Up Art Exhibit**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Oct 31	Nov 1
Nov 7	Nov 8
Nov 14	Nov 15
Nov 21	Nov 22
Nov 28	Nov 29
Dec 5	Dec 6
Dec 12	Dec 13
Dec 19	Dec 20

Despite the postponement of Red Ribbon, your FEAC board would like to feature you, our wonderful artists, in a pop-up art exhibit. The exhibit will be held over the upcoming weekends at the Hub & Gallery.

The Pop-Up Art Exhibit will start on *Saturday, October 31* and will host different artists every weekend until *Sunday, December 20th*. Two or three artists will share the entire gallery over each weekend. The weekend dates are as follows:

Fort Erie Arts Council

# POP-UP ART EXHIBIT

Featuring the works of our art members



EVERY WEEKEND, SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 31ST - DECEMBER 20TH  
9 AM TO 2 PM  
FORT ERIE ARTS COUNCIL HUB & GALLERY

For more info, visit [www.forterieartscouncil.com](http://www.forterieartscouncil.com)

We will advertise the Pop-Up Art Exhibit on our social media platforms and website.

You will be required to setup, host, and teardown on your weekend.

Art sales are subject to our gallery's policy of 25% commission to the FEAC.

If you are interested in participating in the Pop-up Art Exhibit please contact Donna MacLeod at [artscouncilforerie@gmail.com](mailto:artscouncilforerie@gmail.com) before **October 15th**. Include in the Subject line: **Artist for the Pop-up Art Exhibit** and mention in your email your preferred weekend and your style of artwork (painting, sculpture, glass, etc.) that you would like to display.

Donna will arrange a meeting shortly after October 15th to explain and set expectations and calendar dates.

Not sure if you want to participate but would still like to help? We would also like to request for volunteers to assist the with the event. Please send Donna MacLeod an email at [artscouncilforerie@gmail.com](mailto:artscouncilforerie@gmail.com) with the Subject line: **Volunteer for the Pop-Up Art Exhibit** along with the dates that you can help out. As the schedule for the exhibit is created, we will get in touch with you. Thank you in advance for helping with this great event!

## Mask Project



**Thanks to board member, Chrissy Schram** for our Mask Project great idea. She was inspired by our “Mask Must be Worn” poster on the door to the Hub and Gallery. She suggested that we could provide our community the opportunity to create their own masks, especially with the children heading back to school and they could personalize their own masks.

President, Donna MacLeod shared the idea with her mom, Shirley Bernava, a seamstress. Shirley volunteered her time and the white cotton material to create the masks for this project! **Thank you, Shirley!!**

Donna created “design your own” mask kits with a couple of fabric markers and inspirational stickers for design ideas. She also made up pre-made masks for sale. **Thank you, Donna!**

Our treasurer, Lisa Smed volunteered at the Farmer’s Market where she was successful in selling all the mask kits that she had. We are continuing to sell the remainder of our inventory at the FEAC Hub & Gallery. **Thank you, Lisa.**

The Mask Project was a huge success where we netted \$685 in sales. **A big thank you to all involved!**

## Gift of Technology



We are updating all our forms and procedures and would love to have a central location to host them. As a “not for profit” charitable organization, your FEAC is seeking a gift of a

laptop.

Do you have a “retired” laptop that still has some life left in it? We are hoping for a laptop approximately 5 years old or younger, running Windows with internet capabilities. Please contact Maria, at [mariaharrisonedge@gmail.com](mailto:mariaharrisonedge@gmail.com) if you think that you might be able to help out with a donation.

## With Thanks

We appreciate your patience as we continue to work and develop strategies to support the recovery of our arts sector. We are open to your ideas too, please feel free to share.

Continue to keep safe,

Maria Harrison-Edge

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