

Update from the Co-Chairs – March 2022

It is hard to believe but it has already been 4 months since we were elected as Co-Chairs for the ECTFA in November! Much has happened in 4 short months.

We are excited to provide our first update to our community as Co-Chairs!

Deepti & Kathryn

Our Board of Directors

A number of our directors reached their maximum 6-year tenure with the ECTFA board of directors so we sadly had to say goodbye to these hard-working folks.

We are forever indebted to Berry Smith for keeping us abreast of all matters related to the Governance of a non-profit organization, keeping us on track during our meetings and delivering agendas and minutes in a timely manner.

Melissa Seagrove and Jon Ralston were instrumental in ensuring that the Centre still exists in its current iteration. They stepped up to the plate when things were going badly for the survival of the Centre. We are forever in their debt. Jon has generously offered to stay on as part of the Capital Campaign committee.

Sheila Koop and Matt Ladner also finished their 6-year tenure in March. Suffice it to say that the Centre would not exist were it not for their perseverance, diligence and fierceness to fight for its survival. Their leadership and vision as Co-chairs enabled the ECTFA not only survive but thrive! We are so grateful that both of them have agreed to stay on to help with the new projected expansion project.

Brad Henderson has assumed the position of Treasurer; Ellen Helps is our

secretary. These folks are invaluable assets to the future success of the ECTFA.

We have also welcomed some new additions to our Board of Directors since November. A warm welcome to Verne Harrison and Melissa Watkins. Both of them bring a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding volunteer work for an organization such as ours.



Working Committees

We currently have 4 working committees through our Board. These are:

- The Governance Committee
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Capital Campaign Committee
- Building Committee

The hope in creating these working committees is to have the bulk of the work done by the various committees and then present the outcome of their hard work to the larger board. Hopefully this will make our time together during Board meetings more focused and efficient.

Finances

The ECTFA is in a remarkable financial position considering the revenue lost during the past two years. This is in large part due to our tenacious Executive Director Lianne Carter and our newly hired Development Officer and Grant guru, Molly Kleiker.

Both these ladies have sought out, pursued, and secured a number of grants over the past year to ensure that the ECTFA can move forward with its exciting future plans. Kudos to them both for working tirelessly to secure our future success.

Staff

An organization is only successful if it has good people running it. We have the most amazing staff members. They all work above and beyond their job descriptions to ensure that programming, art exhibitions and the visitor experience is delivered to the community in a seamless manner.

Our amazing staff have had to pivot a number of times over the past two years. As a board, and as a community, we continue to support their hard work throughout this crazy time of constant change.

Please [visit our website](#) to get to know the role that is played by each staff member to ensure the success of the ECTFA.



Find out more!

There are many areas of focus at ECTFA. Our goal is to highlight and support artists, develop programs that serve our community, and uplift others who are doing great work.

Please take the time to click on the links below to learn more about the vast array of workshops for adults & kids, children's camps, outreach programs, events and exhibitions on offer at the Centre:

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

<https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/classes/outreach/>

YOUTH WORKSHOPS AND CAMPS

<https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/classes/youth-classes/>

ADULT WORKSHOPS

<https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/classes/adult-classes/>

EXHIBITIONS

<https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/galleries/exhibitions-in-the-gallery/>

ARTISAN SHOP

<https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/galleries/artisan-shop/>

EVENTS & PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

<https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/our-events/upcoming-events/>

VIRTUAL GALLERY

<https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/galleries/virtual-gallery-shop/>

