



## Spring Update from the ECFTA Co-Chairs

A warm hello to our ECFTA community! We have lots of good news to share!

### CENTRE WELLINGTON FUNDING

We are delighted to announce that our funding agreement with Centre Wellington for the MacDonald Legacy Fund grant of \$380,000 for building upgrades has been officially signed! This will ensure the following upgrades become a reality at the ECFTA:

- a new main entrance & foyer
- an addition with accessible washrooms
- installation of 3 new windows on the street level, west wall (currently filled with cinder block)

Phase one for the design/planning of our renovations is underway. Stay tuned! We will definitely be celebrating once construction begins.

We are also thrilled to share the news about the \$100,000 capital grant that was approved during the 2019 budget discussions at CW Council. It has been agreed that this grant will be distributed in the following way:

- \$26,500 as debt retirement to Libro Credit Union
- \$30,000 towards Repairs and Maintenance
- \$43,500 towards a Capital Contingency Fund – we have reviewed our strategic lists to develop priority projects for this funding.

As you can see, these funds towards capital expenses will go a long way to upgrading the Centre and to maintaining its infrastructure. Our thanks to CW Staff and Council for all their support.



## EXHIBITS, PROGRAMS & CAMPS

H2O FOR GOOD: 3 artists | 3 walls | 1 planet exhibition in the Harris Gallery continues until June 23rd. Our Artisan market featuring eco-friendly and handmade items continues during gallery hours. So many interesting and well priced items for gifting!

We are also really proud to be hosting another Planet Youth event this year –

SEE THE FOREST THROUGH THE TREES: A PLANET YOUTH EXHIBITION IN SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH MAY 30 - JUNE 23, 2019 | OPENING RECEPTION SATURDAY JUNE 1 FROM 2 - 4 PM

Our summer exhibition schedule begins June 27th and features printmaking and fibre artists Pam Lobb and Tammy Ratcliff as they present "Fabric of Memory" in the Minarovich gallery. "Bubblegum Landscapes" by Frances Hahn will be featured in the Harris gallery, alongside our artisan market shop. Opening reception will be Thursday June 27 at 7PM and all are welcome.

Dynamic programs for youth and adults continue in the upstairs Casson classroom including our weekly SUPPORTIVE ARTS and a fun new Saturday morning workshop for kids: BIG SKY BUBBLE GUM CLOUDS, with OCAD University instructor Frances Hahn. Other spring workshops for adults include Printmaking with Tammy Ratcliff of Wyndham Arts in Guelph, and Figurative Sculpture for Beginners by Nadine McEwen from the Schoolhouse Art Collective.

Our popular summer arts camps are filling up quickly. Several are sold out, however we have added a new week to keep up with demand: There are still some spots available for CAMP OUT – ART IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS SUMMER CAMP (July 15-19) and CIRCUS CAMP (July 29 – August 2).



## EVENTS

The Centre continues to be a hub for an array of community and arts events. We are looking forward to hosting the [ELORA EN PLEIN AIR SHOW AND SALE](#), on Sunday May 19 and the second annual [ELORA TAROT AND DIVINATION FESTIVAL](#), May 24-26.

There is a [handmade jewellery show and book launch](#) in our gallery June 8-15th, presented by local jeweler Tony Deluca of About Face Jewellery.

And this summer, The [Elora Centre for the Arts](#), in partnership with [Creative Spark Workshops](#), presents [CREATIVE SPARK IN THE YARD – JULY 6&7](#). We will be showcasing artists, artisans and makers from across Ontario. This year ECFTA celebrates its 17th annual summer weekend event!

## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

PLEASE DON'T TELL! To our volunteer fashion show committee – Renate Karger, Denise Mernagh, Nikita Mernagh, Jenna Gow, Jacquelyn van Kampen, Spencer Shewen, Jon Ralston – thanks for an amazing third annual extravaganza fundraiser for ECFTA. Special mention to Marty Van Vliet and Mark Anderson, our bartenders extraordinaire! Huge thanks also to Tom Burke of Burke's Rentals and his crew who worked alongside Garry Ladner and his volunteer crew for set-up and take-down (no small feat given the weather challenges!). And finally to Lynda Ladner for organizing all the volunteers during the event. All our sponsors, retailers and designers came together to help make a really fun evening in support of the arts in our community.

ECFTA could not realize all the exciting events and exhibitions, the planning of special events, the organizing of community rentals without a strong team working every week. Our staff works tirelessly to ensure that the Centre is aware of the needs in our community, and to find creative ways to meet these needs through the arts: the upcoming Planet Youth event is a perfect example of this.



The Board is so appreciative of the skill, energy and commitment that this demands. Thank you to our Executive Director, Lianne Carter; to our Arts Educator and Programming Coordinator, Judy Anderson; and to our part-time Administrator, Kim Blair.

Finally, a warm spring-time thank you to all our supporters. Don't forget to renew your memberships! Memberships support ECFTA and the arts in many ways, the most important being the acknowledgement of our overarching goal: Fostering Creativity, Fostering Community.

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