

# ARTSLETTER



DUFFERIN  
ARTS COUNCIL

We  
Celebrate  
the Arts  
**Spring  
2017**

I hope this issue finds you well and looking forward to a speedy end to winter. January has been dull, slippery, snowy and difficult in Dufferin, but we hope this issue brings you some cheer. This year the Dufferin Arts Council celebrates 25 years of arts development in the Headwaters region. As you read further you will learn something of our history and more, we hope, of our dreams. To make these dreams a reality we will need help from all of you. There will be jobs for everyone and by December 2017 with your assistance we hope to see some of these dreams become reality.

Today we have a great team of people who keep all aspects of DAC working. Harvey Kolodny, Donna Henderson, Bob Mitchell, Shelagh Roberts, Flora Nadafi, Pat Burns-Wendland, Aggie Donaldson, Dan St. Pierre, Glenn Godfrey, Heidi von Der Gathen and Dick Byford have been particularly helpful in the past few months getting the regular work done, resetting our luncheons and moving us forward as we strive to be a leading member of the arts community in Dufferin and beyond. To accomplish our goals for 2017 we will need the able assistance of many more of you.

Artist in the Schools, our scholarships, bursaries, luncheons and support for our members and artists continue to be the cornerstones of DAC's work this year, and, we hope, for many years to come. You will remember in our strategic plan there was a call for DAC to assume more leadership in arts and arts-related areas in the Headwaters region. We are working on significant actions to promote the economic development of arts and culture with the help of many partners from the arts, tourism and the County of Dufferin.

Because so much of what we do depends on fundraising, we are launching a special appeal to celebrate our anniversary, the DAC 25 Anniversary Appeal. You can't miss the donation card included here! This money will allow us to maintain and enhance our programs as we search out new funding opportunities. DAC is holding its own financially, but we need a significant increase in our finances to be able to increase not only the number but also the amount of our scholarships and bursaries. For example, we are very aware that tuition fees have risen significantly in recent years and know that our scholarships and bursaries have not kept pace.

This year, 2017, is an important year for the Dufferin Arts Council as we celebrate our 25th anniversary. I hope that you, our members, will join us in celebrating our past successes and our future plans. Right now you are still virtually our sole source of support. If you want to see DAC move ahead into the next 25 years, please consider our 25th Anniversary Appeal.

Ken Topping

*Front Cover: Gone Fishing, by Debbie Ebanks Schlums. Made of glass and metal, measures 33 cm high x 15 cm wide x 15 cm deep.*

Our congratulations to the 2016 recipient of the Reed T Cooper Bursary in Visual Arts, Debbie Ebanks Schlums! She is the tenth recipient of this bursary which is given annually to a mid-career visual artist who is a resident of Dufferin County. And it is an extraordinary project that she has proposed. Debbie is one of those artists who searches out the unique places where art and politics come together. This collaborative project does just that. It will create a small, self-contained, mobile museum. In this museum will be glass objects made by Syrian families newly arrived in Dufferin. They will be asked to conjure the remembrance of an object they loved but were forced to leave behind, first by moulding it in clay and then reproducing it in transparent glass.

The origins of this proposal arise from work Debbie has done both abroad and at home, latterly working with a Syrian family now settled in Alliston. Through this family she has met other Syrian families, each one struggling with a strange new world and a difficult language. By bringing these newcomers together, Debbie hopes to help our newest residents find a way to convey something of what they have experienced. This project allows Debbie to combine her skills in glass sculpture with a social component that speaks to her ongoing interest in international relations. We can expect to see the results of this work, in which as Debbie says “artwork involves the community or an audience is integrated into the artwork,” become part of the DCMA program in 2018.



The Reed T Cooper Bursary in Visual Arts was initiated in 2007 by Jane Cooper, Reed Cooper’s widow, in concert with the Dufferin Arts Council. Reed had been an active participant in the local arts community and was always mindful of what artists like himself with some years of experience needed to build on their careers. It was felt that some financial support, similar to the student scholarships offered by the Anne Laurier Scholarship Fund, could be offered to established professional artists who demonstrated a unique talent and potential for excellence.

*Migration Cart by Debbie Ebanks Schlums. Made of found materials and equipped everything needed to cook a meal.*

# DAC 25—Let's Celebrate the Arts



Mark 9 September 2017 as *the* day you plan to celebrate the arts in Dufferin County!

This year, 2017, is the 25th anniversary of the Dufferin Arts Council, as well as the 150th anniversary of Canada's confederation, and we want to create a day-long celebration of the arts for everyone in the county.

On 9 September we are planning a series of cultural events in Orangeville starting around noon, with lots of singing, talking, painting, creating, dancing, music and more. The evening includes a DAC celebratory dinner culminating in an evening concert at Westminster United Church that focuses on our multi-cultural heritage.

Additional plans include a fundraising component consisting of a garage sale *and* a day-long sale of art and handcrafts featuring both local artists as well as vintage art and crafts. The funds raised here will go directly to our community projects fund.

To make this day a success we need your help! These events will not happen if we do not have the volunteers to help deliver the program. We need co-ordinators for eight (8) individual events and an additional 12 volunteers (minimum) to assist them.

If you can help, we have job descriptions waiting for you. The overall co-ordinators of this event are Wayne and Shelagh, and we will work with the volunteers giving words of encouragement, answers to questions and general trouble-shooting as the details are clarified throughout the planning process and as the day unfolds.

Contact Shelagh at [shelagh.mj@sympatico.ca](mailto:shelagh.mj@sympatico.ca)

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Information about detailed schedules, your Arts Passport, and highlights of the day will be distributed as soon as it comes available—at luncheons and through eblasts.

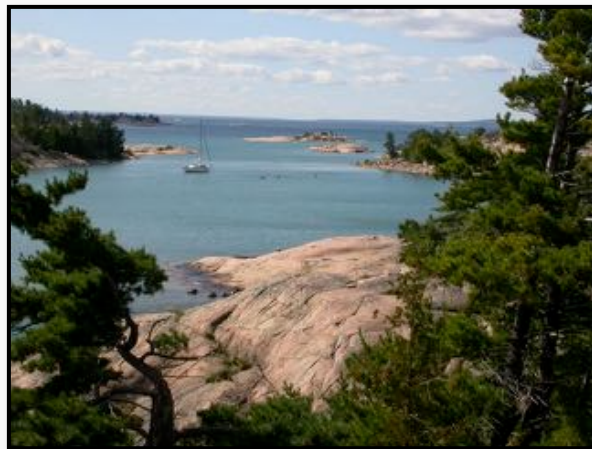
## Who We Are

We are a group of people who have come together to support artists and the arts in Dufferin over the past 25 years. After 25 years, when we say, "Let's celebrate the arts!" we really do mean it. As we celebrate 25 years of the arts in Dufferin we are proud of the encouragement and support we have given to, and the enjoyment we have had from, the many talented artists who flourish right here in Dufferin County.

The members of the Dufferin Arts Council are many different people—young artists just starting to build careers, established artists busy in their studios, artists who share their talents with us and with the schools, educators who believe in the importance of an education in the arts, business owners with an interest in the arts, people who tell stories and people who support local theatre, local writers and local musicians, people who belong to book clubs and music associations, people who garden and retired people with a wide range of professional skills that serve the council year after year.

## What We Do

We work hard to support both the interests of our members *and* the skills of our local artists. For our members there are monthly luncheons with speakers who cover a broad range of topics, outings to art galleries, museums and theatres, and workshops to encourage us to explore our inner artist. We have gone hiking in Killarney Provincial Park, listened to Ian Scott's discuss up-coming seasons at the Metropolitan Opera in New York and, visited the Aga Kahn Museum in Toronto—just to give you some idea.



For many of us though, it is the contributions we can make to the development of the arts within our community that keep us active in the Dufferin Arts council. Through a wide range of activities we raise money to fund projects that foster further the development of artists and the arts throughout Dufferin County.

- Each year we award a bursary of up to \$3000 to an artist who shows a pursuit of excellence in the development of her or his artistic career.
- Our Ann Laurier Scholarship Fund helps high-school graduates with the expenses of a post-secondary education. This funding is publicized in our local high schools and the awards are made in the autumn, usually at commencement.
- Our Artists in the Schools program supports local artists to participate in Arts Days instruction in 29 schools in Dufferin and surrounding area.

- Our community grants program assists artists and arts groups that need additional funding for smaller projects such as additions to a sound system or special lighting for a show. We have also contributed to projects such as Theatre Orangeville's floating stage at Island Lake and the self-publication of a selection of work by a local writing group.
- Over the years we have also funded an intergenerational writing program in local schools. Students, teachers and interviewees all say that they would do it again.

## How We Do It

To sustain the level of funding our programs require and be able to explore new opportunities, we rely on the generosity of our members, friends, volunteers and community supporters. Our members are very generous and our volunteers work hard to ensure the success of every event. This does not mean, however, that these programs all have secure futures. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary we must continue to work hard to sustain current programs and develop new ones that will enhance the stature of the arts in Dufferin.

- We are fortunate to have the Reed T Cooper Bursary in Visual Arts that we award each year to a mid-career artist living in Dufferin County. This fund was established by Reed's family in 2007 and to date has distributed \$30,000 to 10 local artists.
- Over the last two decades through the Ann Laurier Scholarship Fund we have awarded over 100 scholarships and more than \$100,000 to students continuing their studies in the performing arts or the visual arts at a post-secondary institution.
- This year the Artists in the Schools program will contribute \$9000 toward Art Days in schools throughout the county. Artists are paid \$150 to conduct workshops while a school can receive support for up to three artists (\$450 per school). Teachers can choose workshops from the fields of visual art, dance, drama and music.



- Community grants are awarded quarterly in amounts up to \$500. Applications must be received by the middle of March, June, September and December. Awards are based on suitability and availability of funds.
- We also undertake smaller fundraising activities such as the creation of a set of notecards that promote recent bursary winners, a regular silent auction of a local artist's work at our monthly luncheons, as well as the occasional book sale.



Information on the timing for each of these programs and application forms are available on our website, [dufferinartscouncil.com](http://dufferinartscouncil.com).

Each of these programs is important. These programs are vital to our community and its future development. Some educators even believe that the arts are as significant to our lives as science and mathematics, a point of view that is becoming more and more important today as the advances in technology swirl around us.

Please take the time to think about the arts—what they have meant to you and your family over the years, how you perceive them today and what you would hope for artists and their audiences in the years to come.

Support the Dufferin Art Council's Twenty-fifth Anniversary Appeal today. Help us to continue to make the arts in Dufferin something that challenges, excites and entertains, and creates a legacy for the generations who follow us.

Welcome to Mrs Mitchell's Restaurant! As many of you already know, when The Globe changed owners we had hoped to be able to continue what had been a happy relationship over many years. Such was not to be and today we begin a new season of luncheons and speakers in a new venue that we hope will be home for some time to come.

Many thanks to Dan St Pierre, Dick Byford and Agnes Donaldson and Ken Topping for all their work in finding us a place to start building memories. Please remember, there is seating for only 75 people, so you must reserve with Agnes Donaldson at [abdean5555@gmail.com](mailto:abdean5555@gmail.com) or (519)939-7492. Now, on to business.

### **3 April—Gary Brown, and Larry Kurtz, Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival**

This year the Orangeville Jazz and Blues Festival celebrates its 15th anniversary. Gary and Larry will review the growth of the festival, how it promotes music and musicians and provides significant economic benefits to our region. Of course, they will also preview what's in store for the 2017 season.

### **9 May—Fraser and Girard, musicians**

Alan Fraser and Marianne Girard have been successful solo performers, recording artists and composers. Over that time their paths often crossed and finally they decided to join their minds, hearts and two lifetimes of music to create Fraser and Girard.

### **6 June—Bernadette Hardaker, Theatre Orangeville**

Bernadette has spoken to us before, but now comes to us in her new capacity as general manager of Theatre Orangeville. We look forward hearing her ideas for the future of Theatre Orangeville.



*Mrs Mitchell's Restaurant began life in 1889 as Mulmur Township School Section 2 which eventually closed in 1969. In 1980 Maureen Baufeldt opened a restaurant here and named it in honour of the school's last teacher, Mrs Mitchell.*



## **Congratulations!**

Late-breaking news! DAC member Ricky Schaede has received an award from the RBC Canada 150 Program. The expectation is that Ricky undertake a project that will make a difference in his community—something to make Canada's 150th anniversary count. It is very early days yet, but do keep watch for an announcement of his plans. You may remember Ricky as a guest speaker along with Jacklyn Hancock at our DAC lunch in October 2015.

## **Participate!**

The Dufferin Arts Council is seeking new members for its board. We welcome interested DAC members to attend board meetings. Observe the inner workings of the board and program chairs. If you are interested in being part of this vital organization contact me at 519-941-1516 or kolodny@rotman.utoronto.ca.

Harvey Kolodny, Nominations Committee

We would like to recognize some wonderful people that have helped build the Dufferin Arts Council.

**Judy Lansing**, a long-time member of DAC passed away in December 2016. All who attended the monthly luncheons recall that it was Judy and her husband Paul who greeted us at the door with warm and friendly smiles and who took our reservations for over 15 years. Judy was an accomplished professionally trained artist and a dedicated environmentalist. We will remember Judy fondly.

**Evelyn Downing** passed away on 30 December 2016 and the Mulmur community lost a great supporter. Ev, along with her husband, Jack, contributed much to the Dufferin Arts Council. Ev served as editor of the *artsletter* for many years. Ev and Jack were instigators of the Jack Downing Park in Shelburne and were involved in the initial stages of MARR (Mulmur Association of Residents and Ratepayers), the forerunner of MC2, the Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition. Not the least of Ev's accomplishments was the instituting of book clubs in Mulmur. Both she and Jack were great readers and advocates for the Shelburne Library.

**Michael Armstrong**, a stalwart member of the Dufferin Art Council passed away 7 February 2017. Mike and his wife Diane, who predeceased him, settled in Mulmur in 1992 and very quickly Mike became an active participant in DAC. He joined the board in 1995 and throughout his years he was a strong voice for building an ever-



more active role for DAC. He was treasurer, active fund-raiser, musician extraordinaire, founder of the Mulmur Literary Society and would-be promoter of DAC as a Gilbert and Sullivan society. Throughout the years Mike's family always came first. While we will miss Mike for all he meant to our community, most of all it is the friend we will miss.

## Theatre Orangeville

Annual Starlight Gala, Friday, 28 April

Including dinner at Rustik or Steakhouse 63, the announcement of the 2017 18 season, and the Opening Night performance of *Sexy Laundry!* All for \$150 (tax receipt of \$100). Seating is limited.

Please check the box office at the Theatre Orangeville for times, seat availability and prices.

The Gentleman Clothier, 23 March - 9 April

*Sexy Laundry*, 27 April - 4 May

## Out and About

BookLore is supporting Theatre Orangeville's New Play Development Fund, 28 March and 15 May. Go to [BookLore.ca](http://BookLore.ca) for all the information. While you are on their website be sure to check out all the details for two other wonderful events. Dinner at Rustik with Madeleine Thein and Stephen Heighton on 25 April and the launch of Steve Burrows latest birder mystery on 29 April.

The Dufferin Circle of Storytellers at Corbetton Church  
Friday, 28 April, 7 pm

Finale of One Book One County at DCMA,  
Saturday, 13 May, 1 pm

*Courage to SOAR*, presented by the Creative Partners on Stage Drama Troupe, a unique and innovative collaboration between Theatre Orangeville and Community Living Dufferin.

31 May, 7 pm, 1 June, 7 pm and 2 June, 11 am

Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival, 1 June – 4 June

The MET live in HD

Please check the Galaxy Cinema near you for start times and any encore dates they may have scheduled.

Tchaikovsky Eugene Onegin, Live: 22 April 2017

R. Strauss Der Rosenkavalier, Live: 13 May 2017

## Dufferin Arts Council members are the best!

We welcome your interest and are inspired by your commitment to the arts by actively participating in DAC. Here is a list of our current paid members.

Carl & Lynda Alexander	Jordan Eveland	Caroline Mach	Judy Simmonds
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