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Dufferin Arts Council

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Spring has come, and on the DAC Board we reflect on the work of the year past and the year ahead. All of this will be reported at the Annual General Meeting planned for Tuesday, September 12, at the first luncheon of the 2017/18 year. I must admit that as I write today my thoughts are on how we will proceed. We have a strategic plan that sets the broad strokes for our work as a council. Essential to this work will be a dedicated board, energetic volunteers and a healthy bank account.

Our activities this year show we maintain excellent programs in luncheons, artist support, grants, scholarships and bursaries and artists in the schools. As an executive we are also working with County Economic Development Steering Committee, Orangeville Arts and Culture Committee, Headwaters Cultural Round Table and selection of a Poet Laureate for Dufferin County. These activities are seen as essential to our role in serving, leading and representing the wider art community.

To maintain our core programs and serve the wider arts community as pledged in our strategic plan, we need your help. Harvey Kolodny is already busy as are the other board members, seeking people who will step forward and participate in our open positions. As a minimum, we urgently need members who will step forward to serve as Vice-president, Luncheon Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator, and Volunteer Coordinator.

If you want DAC to maintain our work and to grow, please step forward and help. Consider we would be open to creative ways to fill these or other positions. Perhaps you and friend might fill a position. Harvey Kolodny is the key person to speak with of course. Any of the board members would be pleased to discuss your interest in assisting the board. Our contact information is listed on page 9 of this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the fantastic events being planned for our 25th anniversary on September 9, 2017. Even more, I look forward to discussing how you might like to participate in the future of DAC.

Sincerely,

Ken

P.S. We want to hear about your own personal artistic discoveries and journeys, whether you are an artist yourself, or an appreciator of the arts. We are always interested in hearing from you. You can email us at ktopping@sympatico.ca.



On the Cover

Peony Hedges at Lilac Tree Farm. Gardens are open to the public on Sunday 18th June, 2017. Lilactree Farm 547231 8 Side Road, Mulmur. 10 am to 4 pm.

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The membership year runs from July to June, with renewals due July 2nd each year. To sign up, change your address, or make a query please email f_nadafi@hotmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars for September 9, 2017

A Full Day Celebrating the Arts!

Proposed Events for the Day



Day-long events unless otherwise specified

8:00 am – Noon
Fundraising Garage Sale
DAC Member's driveway and garage

Art, Vintage Art & Crafts Show and Sale
Westminster United Church
Friendship room

Dragonfly Arts on Broadway
Artists at work onsite

Maggiolly Arts
Artists at work onsite

Broadway Music
Ukuleles all day

Glasscraft
Stained glass demonstrations

Aardvark Music
Musicians onsite

Orange-Peel Morris dancers

Scheduled events

1:00 pm
The Opera House
Celebration of Youth in drama,
music and dance

2:00 pm
Westminster United Church
The Written Word featuring Terry
Fallis introducing his most recent
book *One Brother Shy*

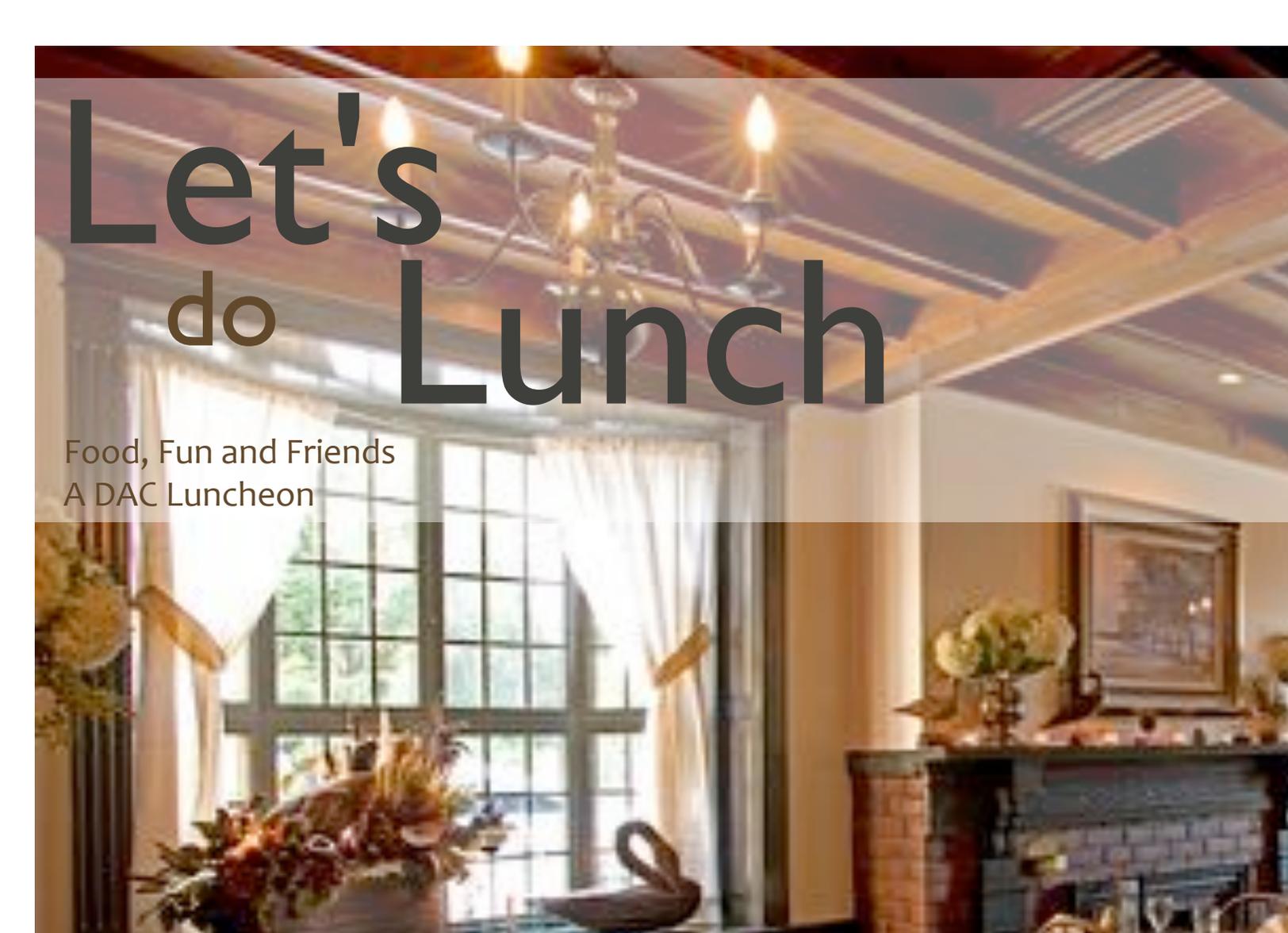
3:30 pm
Orangeville Public Library
The Spoken Word featuring Dan
Needles' reminiscences of his father,
Dick Byford telling Roch Carrier's story
of the hockey sweater

7:00 pm
Westminster United Church
Musical Concert featuring the talents of
Kelly Walker, Noni Thomas, Heather
Katz and Nancy Sicsic



This day-long event will highlight visual, performing and literary arts as they are unfolding in the Headwaters region today. This celebration is an important step toward making the Dufferin Arts Council a more visible community organization. We contribute a great deal to the arts in Headwaters—today we want to make people more aware of what we do and how they can participate.

Passports are \$50 and give you access to scheduled events in addition to a 10% discount at participating businesses along Broadway.



Let's do Lunch

Food, Fun and Friends
A DAC Luncheon

Past Meeting Review

Tuesday, April 13, 2017
Gary Brown and Larry Kurtz

Larry began with a brief history of blues and jazz, discussing how and why the music changed over time. He then serenaded us with a tune on the harmonica with a chorus that the audience could all join in on, filling the restaurant with plenty of music and laughter.

Gary went on to discuss the importance of the Blues and Jazz Festival and what it represents; creating a sense community and supporting the arts as well as local musicians. This festival has 15 years of success and is listed within the 100 best tourism events in Ontario. He stressed the importance of volunteers in making this festival a reality.

Report by Alison van Maren

Meetings for the Autumn

Tuesday, September 12, 2017
The Next 25 Years

We begin with a brief summary of the past year, (the Annual General Meeting) then it's on the future. What will the Dufferin Arts Council be doing in the next ten months, and what should we be doing over next two or three years? How do we make the best use of the resources we have to develop, promote, and enhance the arts and artists of the Headwaters region over the next ten years? And what would you, the most important resource we have, like to do or like us to do?

Hmmm, food for thought as we go into our summer break.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Colin McNairn

Retired Lawyer, language buff, sportman

Join us to learn of the many ways in which sports images have crept into our everyday communications, both oral and written. That's the



**Luncheon Dates
for the 2017 / 2018 Year**

- (AGM) September 12, 2017
- October 3, 2017
- November 7, 2017
- December 5, 2017
- February 6, 2018
- March 6, 2018
- April 3, 2018
- May 1, 2018
- June 5, 2018

game plan for Colin McNairn’s talk, which will provide *play-by-play accounts* of how various sports have left their imprints on the English language. The *playbook* for all of this is Colin’s latest book, *Sports Talk*, a follow-up to an earlier title, *In a Manner of Speaking*, which is about expressions and sayings and how we use and misuse them.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Arthur Needles on William Needles, Actor

Let's try this again! William Needles was a well-known Shakespearean actor. His son, Arthur, speaks of him as his best friend. Arthur will share with us a lifetime of stories from his father's student days, wartime experiences and of course an acting career that spanned 80 years. Come out to hear stories from a family with strong connections to the Rosemount and Dufferin community.

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Ken Weber

Writer, educator, historian

Many of you know Ken through his regular column, *Historic Hills*, in *In the Hills*. He is also the author of more than 50 books as well as the *Five Minute*

Mystery series, some of which you may also have encountered over the months on the final page of *In the Hills*. What you may not be aware of is Ken's love of hiking the Bruce Trail or the fact that he received the 2016 Caledon Walk of Fame Award. Join us to learn more about Ken and why he feels that "local history is more important and more fun."

Speakers Series Luncheons

Please note the space seats only 75 people.

Reserving a seat in advance is crucial.

\$30.00 per person - CASH ONLY

Persons with accessibility challenges can be accomodated with advance notice.

Reserve with Agnes Donaldson at abdean5555@gmail.com or 519-939-7492 by the Friday preceding the luncheon.

Artists in the Sch



Another year of enrichment in Dufferin area schools!

During the school year 2016/2017, DAC's Artists in the Schools Program will have sent local artists to 16 schools. These member artists will have introduced students from kindergarten to grade 10 to a variety of media and techniques. Some of the topics have been: painting (water, acrylic), clay jewellery, wheel pottery, print-making, magic skills, improvised dance and drama, and instruction using musical instruments such as strings, drums and bells.

Each artist from our list of Artists in the Schools on the DAC website is vetted by the classroom teacher representing a school. Topics can be as varied as aboriginal art to movement. The teacher contacts the coordinator of the DAC program to verify that there is money available for

DAC to pay the artists. Each site is granted up to \$450, until the budget for the Artists in the Schools program is exhausted. Then, using the Ontario Educational Art Curriculum as a guideline, lessons are presented to individual classrooms. Sometimes the schools opt to present more than three artists and with financial assistance from Parents Councils may determine to facilitate a total school Arts Day.

This Dufferin Arts Council program augments the regular in classroom art lessons and enables students to experience a wider perspective of personal creativity.

Donna Henderson
Coordinator, Artists in the Schools

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The Community Grants Program

The Grants Committee was pleased to grant the sum of \$625.00 to Ricky Schaede, a local "visionary artist" as he likes to call himself, to finance the printing of 100 copies of his book entitled *The Triumph of Life* and featuring pictures of his own artwork. The book is a celebration of the glory of life and his goal in publishing it is to raise awareness about climate change and pollution in a way that makes people think how they can do their part in honouring the glory of life. His artwork and book



were included in his recent show, which was held at Maggiolly Art Supplies during Orangeville's Blues and Jazz Festival.

The DAC Music Scholarship

The Orangeville & District Music Festival held its gala concert at the Westminster United Church in Orangeville on May 15th, at which time, \$300.00 was granted to the recipients of DAC music scholarships. This year's winners were Isabella Rohner-Tensee (pictured), a Grade 8 violin student, and Tiffany Haluschak, an ARCT piano student. Gary Vipond, Past-President of DAC, did the honours and presented them with their awards.



Help
Wanted
(See page 10 for details)

Space for Additional Applicants

DAC's fiscal year ends on June 30th, so there is still time for applicants to submit their grant requests before the year is over. Application forms can be downloaded from DAC's website, www.dufferinartscouncil.com. Mail completed applications to the Community Grants, Dufferin Arts Council, Box 21052, 150 First Street, Orangeville L9W 4S7. Applicants must be DAC members and residents of Dufferin County or holding their art event within county borders.

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, is shown in profile from the waist up, painting on a large canvas. The canvas is covered in vibrant, abstract colors including purple, blue, and green. In the background, a table is cluttered with various art supplies like paint bottles and brushes. A white shelf with blue storage bins is visible in the upper right.

Winning the Reid T. Cooper

2016 recipient Emilia Perri details her journey...

August 2017 will represent one year since my return from my most amazing trip to the Yukon where I paddled the Yukon River for 12 days together with a group of 9 other people which included my daughter, Sara May. As the recipient of the 2016 Reid T. Cooper Bursary in Visual Art, the bursary allowed me to experience this incredible journey as part of my life and hence my art journey. It opened my eyes to the beauty and power of nature in its most pristine wilderness form, untouched by man. Daily I still think of the images of nature that I faced in the wilderness, the quiet, the great alone, the majesty and grandeur of the scenery. During that trip I was forever changed. To me there is nothing as great as the feeling of being able to experience nature at that level. I will always be thankful for such an amazing experience.

Living here in Southern Ontario, I am constantly exposed to the frenzy of

construction development which is conducted in such a destructive way. It is very hard to ignore the constant roar of it in our small towns and on our highways, where construction machinery makes up the bulk of what speeds by us on the very busy and crowded roadways. The entire construction industry is out of control as is man and his constant quest to conquer and control nature through the pursuit of money. In my work, I would like to explore the concept of man versus nature.

My large format original acrylic paintings reflect in an abstract style (together with mixed media, such as photo transfers and collaged elements) the splendour of the natural world. They communicate the feelings and power that I felt when I immersed myself in it. And it felt like nothing else, certainly not anything like the rip and roaring environment that we

have created in our crash and burn society. I would like to immerse the viewer in these art works by appealing to their human nature and natural affinity for the tranquility that is found there.

During the exhibit of the work which I hope will be announced soon by the Dufferin County Museum & Archives, I would like to present the work next to a poem written by my daughter Sara May, who journeyed with me. She wrote the poem on day 9 of the journey as we sat at the river bank of the Yukon River eating our lunch. Various sections of the poem will be presented on a separate canvas hung next to the main large canvas depicting the nature scene. The poem represents what I feel is the failure of man to honour our natural world with the respect it both deserves and commands.

Membership News, Updates and Renewals

A warm welcome to our newest members: Jamie Andrews, Anne Corkett, Jayne Gosling and Joanne Rovet. Thanks for joining!

The current number of members in DAC is 270, of which 64 haven't paid their 2016/2017 dues! We'd like to take this moment to remind all members that the membership fees for the 2017/2018 DAC year will be due the 2nd of July, 2017. Any additional donations you choose to make can be applied against our specific programs: The Reid T. Cooper Bursary, Artists in the Schools, Artist Support, and scholarships for our local youth.

It is quite amazing what these dollars can do. The Dufferin Youth Music Festival was held only a few short weeks ago, and the level of performance quality demonstrated by our local schools was outstanding!

The other major benefit of joining and supporting DAC follows the adage of

"The more we get together, the happier we'll be." Nothing beats getting out, taking in some culture with friends and meeting new people. The DAC community is widespread and offers great opportunities for all people to connect and grow their social networks while supporting local musicians, visual artists, performance artists, local businesses and the aspirations of our youth.

For those of you who might be reading this but are not a member of DAC, please consider joining!

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Go online today at www.dufferinartscouncil.com and download the membership form. We look forward to seeing you at some of our fabulous DAC events.

DAC 25 Anniversary Celebrations

Putting on an event of this size is a lot of fun but it takes many people to make it happen.

We are appealing to our membership to sign up for a volunteer spot to help us manage the day.

Shifts will be available so that everyone can have the opportunity to enjoy this fantastic day.

Please email Wayne at waynewilliam@sympatico.ca or Shelagh Roberts at shelagh.mj@sympatico.ca to be added to our list of volunteers.

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Let's get Together

Upcoming Cultural Events in Dufferin and Area

May 28 to August 6 Selected Works from True North Gallery at the Dufferin County Museum & Archives

June 2 to July 9 Headwaters Arts celebrations.

June 9 Disney's Aladdin Jr. at the Townhall Opera House in Orangeville.

June 10 Everlocal - Arts Event at Everdale Environmental Learning Centre, Hillsburgh. Bringing together local food, arts and fine crafts.

June 16 Music Concert at Westminster United Church in Orangeville.

June 16 Opening Night of All Shook Up at the Townhall Opera House in Orangeville. Additional performances/dates available.

June 16 Cheers Caledon! Craft Beer and Cider Festival. Even beverages can become an art form with artisanal brewers! Visit CheersCaledon.ca for more info.

Sunday, 18 June Welcome spring with a visit to Lilactree Farm! A one-hectare garden using a wide range of plants sheltered by hedges and fences, this wonderful garden sits nestled in a spectacular Niagara Escarpment

landscape. 10 am - 4 pm. Free. 547231 8 Side Road, Mulmur. 519.925.5577 lilactreefarm@gmail.com

June 24 Food and Facades in Orangeville with DCMA. Live music, extended patios, and fabulous food.

June 25 Dufferin Mac & Cheese Festival at the OAS Event Centre in Orangeville.

June 26 A Conversation with Terry O'Reilly at Westminster United Church in Orangeville. 5pm. Tickets \$25 at Booklore.

July 1

Too many events to mention! Please check your local municipality's website for details of what's happening near you!
(A couple of nice events listed below)

July 1 Riverbend Artists in the Park, Downtown Grand Valley. Music, writing and performance art.

July 1 Canada Day celebrations at Island Lake Conservation.

July 8 & 9 GardenFest at Plant Paradise

Country Gardens, Palgrave, Caledon.

July 22 Caribfest on Mill Street in Orangeville. Celebrate the music, food and culture of the Caribbean!

July 22 Alton Mill Wine & Food Festival, celebrating wine, food and art. Alton Mill Arts Centre, Alton.

August 9 Shelburne Heritage Music Festival, including the Canadian Open Fiddle Championships.

August 19 Food and Facades in Orangeville with DCMA. Live music, extended patios, and fabulous food.

August 20 Authors in the Hills of Mulmur with Drew Hayden Taylor, Robert Rotenberg, Hugh Brewster and Sandra Perron.

August 27 to October 14 The Works of David Arrigo at the Dufferin County Museum & Archives

September 8 Alone Together Again at Century Church Theatre, Hillsburgh. A Comedy from Broadway!

September 9 DAC 25!

A full day of celebrating the arts with activities and music happening along Broadway in Orangeville.

Tuesday, 12 September Mark your calendars to attend the Dufferin Arts Council AGM and luncheon! Please see AGM notes on page 9 of this newsletter.

September 15 to October 1 Headwaters Arts Festival. Twenty-first year of this popular arts show and sale.

September 16 Hills of Erin Studio Tour - Erin, Hillsburgh and the surrounding area.

September 17 The Caverners - Canada's premier Beatles Tribute Show. Opening Matinee at the Townhall Opera House in Orangeville. See their website for additional dates/performances.

September 23 and 24 North of 89 Studio Tour. Discover the Artists of rural Mulmur, and Mansfield and drive the stunning country north of highway 89.

September 24 Carol Off and Doug Saunders at the Opera House in Orangeville.

October 27 Dufferin Circle of Storytellers at the Corbetton Church, DCMA.

Help
Wanted



The Classifieds

Looking for a volunteer position where you can put your interests and skills to good use? Have you considered becoming involved with the workings of the Dufferin Arts Council?

Now is the time to take a look at the positions for which we need your help. We need people to co-ordinate special events, volunteers, luncheon speakers, Facebook and other social media, and someone to take on the role of vice-president.

Positions Available

Vice-president

You are a committed supporter of the arts in Dufferin with a strong interest in the workings of the Dufferin Arts Council – its programs, its priorities and the issues confronting us as we begin our second quarter-century. The vice-president provides back-up for the president and is able to take on special projects as the need arises. Must be able to attend monthly board meetings and be prepared to move into the role of president after a term of two years.

Volunteer Chair

Great people skills will be ensure your success in this position. Getting to know the members, what they are interested in

and what skills they are willing to contribute to DAC's programs will facilitate the development of special projects and new programs.

Special Events Chair

A significant role on the board that depends on the interests of the members and your willingness to be creative! Project management skills will be an asset and the ability to work with others essential to the success of any event. Past events have included theatre excursions, visits to museums and art galleries, pub nights, garden tours and art shows.

Luncheon Chair

The monthly luncheons are viewed by some as the backbone of our yearly program! You will develop a list of speakers for these luncheons – people knowledgeable in various facets of the arts, people who are playing or have played an important role in Dufferin's history, people who have benefited from our various funding programs. You will prepare a brief description of her/his topic, introduce the speaker the day of the luncheon, and invite a DAC member to say a word of thanks. At present we have four or five speakers scheduled for the balance of this year and on into 2018.

Social Media Chair

You must have up-to-date technical skills! At present DAC is creating a new website that will eventually drive our Facebook page. We have an e-mail list to whom notices are currently sent two or three times a month. This list is produced from the membership database and will require revision periodically. Thoughtful consideration yet to be applied to the use of a blog, a Twitter account, and how to make the most effective use of info@dufferinartscouncil.com.

Time commitments for these positions may vary depending on the time you have available and on the needs of DAC at any specific time period. If you are interested in becoming a part of this vital organization, please contact Harvey Kolodny at kolodny@rotman.utoronto.ca or 519.941.1516.

To learn more, you are also welcome to attend the June board meeting on Thursday 15 June at 9:30 am in the council chambers of the Shelburne Town Hall.

It's time to renew your membership!

The DAC Year runs from July to June.

Don't forget the DAC 25 Anniversary Appeal!

Our future depends on your support. Consider a donation in support of our scholarships, the Reed Cooper Bursary, the community grants program, or the Artists in the Schools program when you renew your membership. Thank you!

25th Anniversary of Dufferin Arts Council

September 9, 2017

Come celebrate the arts !

All-day arts activities and concerts scheduled.

Taking place the entire length of Broadway
in Orangeville, this promises to be a party
like no other! See page 3 of the newsletter!



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