



ArtsLetter

THE DUFFERIN ARTS COUNCIL - APRIL 2023

At Long Last - Luncheons Are Back!

Thanks to the efforts of Michele Maycock DAC is back with luncheons, and the walls of Mrs. Mitchell's echoed once more with DAC members reconnecting. The speaker for this luncheon was none other than visual artist Anthony Jenkins, the 2018 recipient of the Reed T. Cooper Bursary.

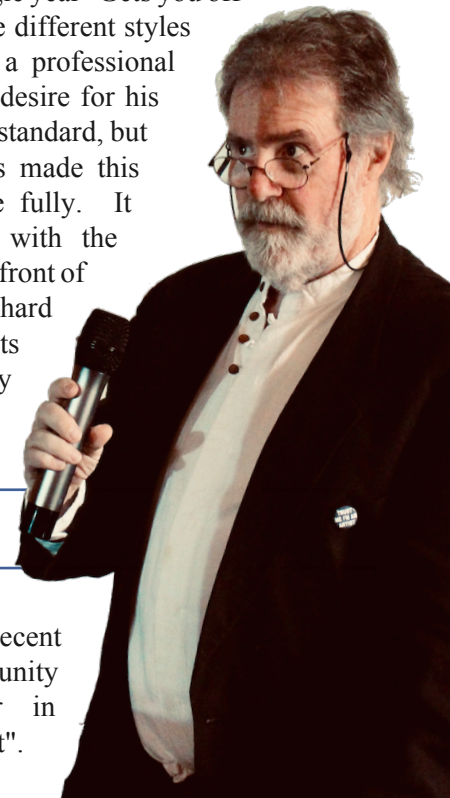
A former resident of Mono, Anthony has recently moved to Brockville. He was very happy to make the journey back however, to talk about his experiences and of how the bursary gave him the boost to expand on his knowledge and enrich his talents. In his original pitch Anthony outlined his ambition to further his work in portraiture, but specifically applying different techniques, namely: lino cut, acrylic, oil (Zorn palette only), digital media, and encaustic.

Tony proposed portraits of twenty subjects, specifically he hoped to draw and paint a family with historic roots in Dufferin County; hoping to portray five generations with four portraits of each. While a novel idea, the archivists at the Museum of Dufferin were succinct in their observation that it would be extremely hard to find a local family with not only five generations, but also with the necessary photographs and source material from the late 1800's and the early 1900's.

Anthony then found himself mulling over the idea of a twenty person series focusing on Canadian authors, particularly those

with Dufferin County roots. The originals would then be offered to the Orangeville Library and be displayed there. Upon meeting with the Library staff it was determined that the available wall space couldn't manage the twenty portraits on a single wall - would Anthony consider breaking up the series? As it turns out, Anthony felt that breaking up the portraits would diminish the body of work as a whole unit, and thus it was that he arrived at the idea of working on portraits of the people who were instrumental in the creation of the Dufferin Arts Council.

In his presentation, Anthony spoke with humour, pointing out how the tight timelines of learning the new skills and producing the work in the space of a single year "Gets you off your butt." That learning the different styles was like "juggling" and as a professional artist, he struggled with the desire for his work to be up to his inherent standard, but working with new mediums made this ambition difficult to realize fully. It should be mentioned that with the finished product displayed in front of us, we feel he was being too hard on himself, as the portraits represent an impressive body of work.



The Next Luncheon - May 9th!

Join us on May 9th as we hear all about the production of the short film "Food for Thought." Written, directed and produced by Christine Hann, the film was inspired by her time volunteering at the Orangeville Food Bank. If the production of her film proceeds as planned, Christine hopes to offer us an

exclusive screening of her film. Christine was the recent recipient of a DAC community grant, which helped her in producing "Food for Thought".

Please note our new website address, www.dufferinarts.com

Membership forms are online and membership fees can be paid with e-transfer to inbox@dufferinarts.com



Annabelle - 2018

Emily - 2019

Katie - 2020

Taylor - 2021

Annie - 2021

Ben - 2022

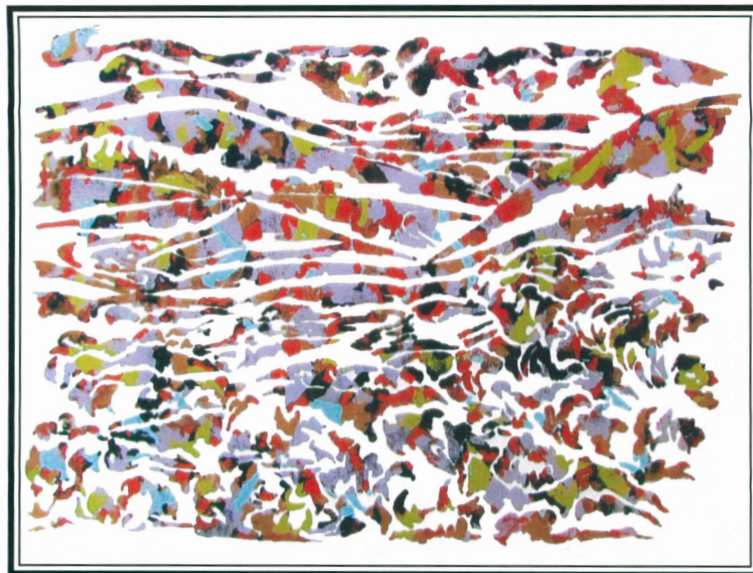
Time To Think About Scholarships!

Applications to the Dufferin Arts Council (DAC) are now open for this year's scholarships. Please encourage any young graduates you know to apply, and don't forget to chat to any parents you know as well!

The application deadline is set for June 30, 2023. There are three, one-time scholarships of \$2,500 which are awarded each year to students of exceptional talent in the arts, including visual, literary, or performing arts and music.

These Ann Laurier Scholarships are available to students who are residents of Dufferin County. Students must be graduating from high school this June, and also have been accepted to attend an accredited university or college.

The Dufferin Arts Council, by way of the annual scholarship fund, has contributed more than \$130,000 since 1996 assisting the youth of Dufferin County to further their arts ambitions.



Start Planning for The Reed T. Cooper Bursary

Each year the Reed T. Cooper Bursary is awarded to a mid-career visual artist. This bursary was set up by the Cooper family in honour of Reed's own artistic work. Reed became active on the local art scene after retiring to Mulmur. This annual award, of up to \$3,000 is given to a local artist who shows promise for excellence in pursuing his or her artistic career. The Dufferin Arts Council administers this award and we encourage all Dufferin County professional visual artists to apply. Former recipients of this award are also able to apply again after five years. Eligible media include, but may not be

limited to: painting, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, fibre arts, glass, wood, photography, digital/computer generated art. Deadline to receive applications is September 30th. Guidelines and application form are available on the DAC website: www.dufferinarts.com, go to Programs. If you know of an artist who might be eligible, please pass along this information.

Painting: Rolling Hills 2 by Reed Cooper

Comments on this issue are welcome at inbox@dufferinarts.com.
If you'd like to submit articles for the next issue, we'd love to have them!