

Friends of Roselawn Centre Newsletter



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Spring 2020



Chair Chat

During this unprecedented time in our lives, we'd like to shout out to our committed members, patrons, sponsors and volunteers and say thank you for your support and encouragement over the last year.

The Friends of Roselawn Centre Board is pleased to support the approval of the Port Colborne Parks and Recreation Plan endorsed by City Council in January 2020. The report includes recommendations for ways to improve the Roselawn Centre for the Arts, "in particular is a candidate

for improvements to increase usage and variety of users."

In addition, express consideration was given to arts and culture in the report. "Culture enriches people's day to day lives, supporting enjoyment and appreciation of creative endeavors, enabling the community to share its stories and history and fostering community identity and pride."

According to Mayor Bill Steele, "all items outlined in the report are a road map that will help guide us

toward improvements over the next 10 years."

While being a part of a certain age group, (aka - seniors) I really enjoy what Roselawn has to offer in the form of shows and art education. We have a great opportunity to engage our youth in participation and enjoyment of our arts and heritage. There is so much potential to promote, teach and interact with all age groups and celebrate what we have at Roselawn in the theatre, the heritage home and gardens. This year there are many



Roselawn has lots to offer.....

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changes in restructuring at Roselawn and the Showboat Festival Theatre arrangement. We support Roselawn in its proposed hub for fledgling businesses and entrepreneurs and culinary opportunities. We especially thank the dedicated staff at Roselawn for everything they assisted us with in the last seven years, since our inception. It is a real pleasure in seeing young students learn how to cook meals in the Little Chefs cooking

programs and proudly presenting their work! Amidst a number of recommendations in the Master Plan, Roselawn is to be considered the historical and cultural hub and a key asset in the local arts and culture area. And now we (Friends of Roselawn Centre) look forward to bringing signature events in late 2020 and 2021 that will be as successful as last year in fundraising.

All my best,
Arlene Lessard

Welcome



For Mom



"Browse, shop and share the many outstanding artworks of our local artists"

It's a great time to shop for Mother's Day! Browse, shop and share the many outstanding artworks of our local artists. The Friends of Roselawn Board has invited all of our local artists to post their fantastic art

pieces on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/friendsroselawn/> over April and May, 2020. It is open to all forms of visual arts including painting, sculpture, wood carving, weaving, metal work, pottery,

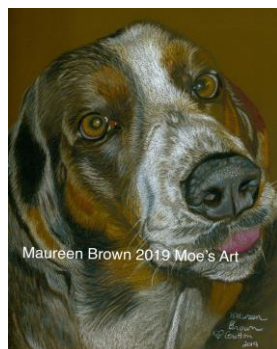
jewellery and more! So please stop by!



Art Work from our local artists



Shop for Mother's Day-facebook.com/friendsroselawn



Market Time

More than 40 brilliant creative vendors were set up, smiling, and ready for guests lined up at the door at 10am for our annual Christmas Makers Market at Roselawn.

That November Sunday sure feels like a long time ago.

We remember the Port Colborne High School choral group serenading us with carols in each of five rooms of the heritage mansion and in the theatre. The rockstar Ukeladies were a huge hit. The memory of that fun and successful day encouraged organizers Gail Todd and Liz Elder to forge ahead with planning

the first Spring Market, the Sunday before Mother's Day. Just as registration forms were to be issued to artists and crafters and makers, guess what happened?

We had to stop before even getting started.

When we come out the other side of this devastating pandemic, and we will, we hope and pray we will enjoy time together again, at our next craft show event.

Yes, we'll invite all your favourite vendors, and some new ones. Yes, we'll offer a bake sale, a penny sale, and a silent auction.

And yes, we'll feature marvelous local musical

entertainment. Donations and funds raised by our events support Friends of Roselawn Capital Fundraising to assist in the restoration of the Roselawn heritage home. Thank you to our volunteers (the best), thank you to our partners at city hall, to our generous sponsors and loyal supporters, and thank you, to our guests and friends. We do it all for you, and couldn't do it without you. Keep smiling, and stay healthy.

Friends of Roselawn Board Member and Event Planner Gail Todd



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The Music and Performance Niagara Ukeladies



Beekeeper Chris of Tiddley Bee Honey Company



Maker and creator Karen Morehead



Brooke and her Infusion Tea



Port Colborne High School Choral Group



Artist Kelly Langley Davies



Black Creek Tamaracks
20 x 24

The Artist's Corner - David Drum

My father was sales manager for a print and lithography company in Toronto so I grew up surrounded by art and artists. I won the Canadian National Exhibition's mural competition in Grade 11 and decided on a career in art. This started in commercial illustration designing logos, illustrating catalogues and producing

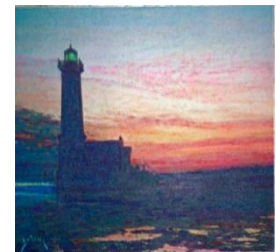
the masters for shopping plaza illuminated signs. I studied anatomy with Dr. Gary Gleeson at the Canadian Chiropractic College and moved into medical illustration for 12 years. Through this period I had a studio in Manhattan and created large scale landscapes in an impressionistic style. Returning to Cabbagetown

in Toronto I opened a studio gallery and was helped by the support of local auctioneers at Waddingtons, Deveaux and Ritchies who regularly promoted and sold my paintings. At this time I was fortunate to have a full biography published in The Dictionary of Canadian Artists. I was also painting for the feature film industry due to the patronage of

John and Karen Eckert. Twenty two years ago, after marrying Barbara Vance, we moved to Crystal Beach where I became represented by the King Street Gallery in NOTL, the Jordan Gallery, The Riverbrink Art Museum in Queenston, and the Dana Tilou Gallery in Buffalo. Private commissions poured out of our home studio where Barbara custom-

framed all my works. She began painting and we collaborated on a series of large scale reverse glass abstracts which were installed in the Limeridge Mall, D'Youville College, The Sanctuary for the Arts and the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. It has been our pleasure to contribute several of these to The Roselawn fundraising

projects. We became supporters of Roselawn through the introduction of our friend Gail Todd who sold many of our works in her gallery in Port Colborne. My work may be viewed on daviddrumfineart@gmail.com and examples sold at auction may be viewed by googling David Drum at auction.



Point Abino Light House Sunset

Fundraising

Hello Dear Friends of Roselawn Centre,

During this difficult time, it's really wonderful to be able to report some excellent news to you. Our 50/50 fundraising efforts raised a whopping \$6,400 in 2019. Isn't that wonderful?

It was really great to see the winners' reactions and engaging the entire audience in the fun. Everyone who contributed found it a bit of extra fun excitement to their evening out. So many people

commented that it was for a good cause which we felt very grateful for. Our many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who made this possible! We couldn't do this without you.

As you know, The FoRC and the Port Colborne Lioness Service Club shared in the 50/50 draws for the Showboat season and we were all set to do the same thing this year and then everything changed, unfortunately. We are very thankful for you, our members, and we hope to be

back soon. Your support confirms that our fundraising work for maintaining the beautiful Roselawn mansion as a centre for arts and culture is worthwhile and needs to continue.

As we wait for our new world to unfold and hopefully return to normal, we wish you and your families all the best and once again, thank you for your support.

Stay safe and happy,
Glenda Buck
Fundraising Chair & Membership Manager



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Hats Off to Our Volunteers!

Thank you to our Volunteers, You did a great job at our events in 2019! This included the 50-50 draws, An Evening with Anna Olson and our Christmas Makers' Market! Bowman, Pat
Brisley, Carole
Brisley, Paul
Brown, Susan
Butters, Barb
Byrne, Carolyn
Echlin, Jasmaya
Fuaco, Laurie
Langley Davies, Kelly

Johnson, Emily
Kitchen, Carole
Lessard, Arlene
Lessard, Bob
Leonard, Amanda
Mayne, Micky
Matthews, Roberta
McCarthy, Patte
McDowell, Betty
McDowell, Jack
Murphy, Colleen
Palma, Beth
Paul, Pearl
Penner Riehl, Bonita
Port High Choral Group
Potyuk, Albert

Potyok, Yvonne
Pye, Laurie
Reeves, Mary
Robson, Kelly
Skotniski, Linda
Sobara, Eva
Stansfield, Amanda
Stewart, Kare
Todd, Gail
Toderick, Quentin
Toscher, Janette
Tuck, Darlene
Tuck, John
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Wade, Judy



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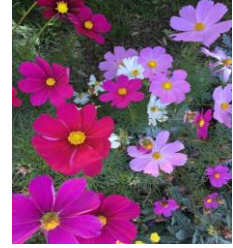
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Please join us in supporting the restoration and development of the Roselawn Centre for the Arts, by becoming a Member. Card carrying members receive great benefits from our local businesses.

For more details visit our membership page on the FORC website :
<http://friendsofroselawncentre.org/become-a-member>



About Our Organization -A Non profit and Charitable Status Board

Our mission: Creating a home for the arts and entertainment at Roselawn to ensure a vibrant cultural life for our community.

Our group of energetic community members have a passion for art and culture, and a love for the beloved Victorian Mansion.

The Friends of Roselawn Centre have established two mandates:

To help facilitate the offerings of art & culture events in both the community at large and at the Roselawn Centre, itself;

And,
Through partnership with the City of Port Colborne, help restore and maintain the Roselawn Centre and the beautiful heritage Victorian Mansion.

Congratulations to Heather and Mike Fenton on the birth of Harper Margaret Always Fenton born January 21.

Heather is an executive board member and our graphic designer for the newsletter and events.

Needless to say that she is off and we are roughing it without her!