



## IN REVIEW: Christmas Market 2021

The frost on the ground signals time for more cozy indoor activities, especially after a well-bundled walk in the woods or on the beach. The village of Colborne is situated close to the beach and offers opportunities for beautiful walks down country lanes. Choose and cut your own Christmas tree at one of the farms in the area! Enjoy our rural landscape, and make a day of visiting, with just enough to see and do, that you will come home refreshed and happy!

This year's Colborne Gallery Christmas Market is aglow with soft twinkle lights adorning natural greens, creating a magical atmosphere to relax in the beauty of our landscape art, unique pottery, seasonal handcrafted woolens, Christmas ornaments and fine jewellery. Our three guest artisans, Cathy Allen from Peterborough, Laurie Golduik (fabric arts) and Brenda Sullivan (potter) from Port Hope, bring a definite whimsy with their charming work. Some of the highlights of this show are Barb McGuey's spectacularly realistic graphic drawing of a rabbit and her highly detailed landscapes, Clare Bonnell's subtle light on water scenes, Elizabeth Vercoe's mixed media florals and birds; and Rosanne Dolan's unique treatment of still life objects. Sue Wilkin's expansive paintings are full of atmosphere, and her smaller landscapes make her lovely work affordable for all. Heather Roy's encaustic abstracts evoke the wonders of ice. Helen Poortan's display of batik landscape painting, jewellery and handpainted pillow covers show off her multiple talents. Eileen Myers' florals bring the viewer right into the heart of the blooms, and Bob "Omar" Tunnouch's thoroughly original take on life is always foremost in his finely rendered paintings.

The work of five artists from our gallery are currently featured in the Art Gallery of Northumberland's Annual Juried Show, with Elizabeth Vercoe winning Juror's choice for her mixed media piece. Way to go, Elizabeth!

### Featured Artist

Charles Funnel has been doing silversmithing and jewellery for about twenty five years now, after studying sculpture at York University. He loves the challenge of working with many materials, each with their own strengths and weaknesses which push him to learn new techniques and skills. He enjoys working in series, and finds inspiration in both the materials themselves, and the concepts he brings to them. "There is always something new to discover and it keeps me coming back for more....maddening and exhilarating!", says Charles of his creative endeavours,

### Pairings

If you are a locavore, or even if you just enjoy fine food, stop in to the Lofty Kitchen at 25 King Street East in Colborne. You'll be greeted by the very friendly owners, Chad and Marie Miller, who will help you choose from a carefully curated selection of food and drink items, including gluten-free shortbreads, anise and apricot bread, water buffalo cheese, dulce de leche, and so much more. When visiting the Gallery, grab a delicious coffee made from Happenstance Coffee Beans, to savour while wandering through the gallery!

### Art Trivia

Vincent Van Gogh was constantly impoverished and rumored to have eaten paint in his more desperate moments, perhaps from madness or hunger. These days, a small tube of ultramarine blue acrylic paint costs around \$11.99 (at Currys). It's the price of a meal. Let's support our artists so they can continue to both eat and paint!

As always in the post-Christmas winter, the gallery will be closed. We open again March 10, 2022 with the show "Awakening". We wish every one of you the best of the season, and a very joyful new year!