



## Spring Newsletter 2022 – the Colborne Art Gallery

The fields surrounding the little village of Colborne are beginning to wake from their winter sleep, but the artwork is blooming! Our first 2022 show, "*Awakening*", is on from March 12 to May 1, and features the spirit of spring, as we all yearn for the earth to begin sending up those green shoots that explode in colour.

Many of the artworks in this show reflect the rural atmosphere as it comes back to life, with the sweeping landscapes of Sue Wilkins' work, Elizabeth Vercoe's vivid florals and Helen Van Poorten's tender portrayals of farm animals. Eileen Meyer's small sketches in the middle gallery are an evocative reminder that we may be travelling to places like Provence and Tuscany in the near future! Rosanne Dolan's canvases offer thought-provoking views, unique in their composition and colour treatment. Heather Roy offers a selection of works that celebrate our spiritual bonds to the earth, and Charles Funnel's fine silver brooches playfully render the proverbial April showers we can soon expect.

Our newest member, Ken Solilo, has brought stunning photos of sky and water. We are excited about welcoming Ken, with his extensive expertise in artistic photography!

An interesting experiment in which some of artists engaged this winter, was to work individually on a shared photograph, which they then posted among themselves. Some of the sketches and paintings are displayed in our "shop" gallery, enabling viewers to see the diversity of approach among the group. It's fun to compare the renderings in different media, style and personal interpretation. All the works are for sale in the middle gallery.

We are optimistically looking forward to mounting our usual six shows this year, with the gallery currently open Saturday and Sundays each week from 12 – 4 p.m. We will continue to make the gallery available at other times, by appointment. Our annual Juried Show will be held in the fall, and the call for submissions begins May 1. with a deadline of August 16. This year we are pleased to have Carolyn Moulton, owner of the Oeno Gallery at the Huff Estate in Prince Edward County, as our juror. It's a wonderful opportunity for established and emerging artists to have their work considered by a curator with an amazing eye for skilled, original and stimulating work. Details are on the website.

### Pairings

Our neighbour, Old Mill Alpacas, is open year-round and makes a delightful outing to pair with your visit to the gallery. Amy Kung-Oliver invites you to spend time with the (83!) adorable alpacas in the herd, experience them at their "floofiest" before their big shearing in May, and learn about their beautiful fibre. Warm, soft knitted items are sold in their barn shop, all produced by Canadian artisans. To book a visit, go to [oldmillalpacas.ca](http://oldmillalpacas.ca) or phone Amy at 905-269-4402.

### Art Trivia

The contemporary artist, Peter Doig, spent time during his growing up years in Northumberland County. Known as one of the world's most prominent contemporary figurative painters, his work commands sales in the millions, and is displayed worldwide in the most prestigious galleries and museums. His father, David Doig, also an artist, was an early member of the Colborne Art Gallery, which turns 25 this year!