



February 2025 Newsletter



an artistic community dedicated to educate, create and exhibit

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

Message to all the Members

Welcome to February, the shortest month of the year. The longest, darkest nights are behind us, and as the days lengthen, our sights are set on spring yet to come. The first month of the year was very active for the BAA. Our Gallery reopened after being repainted, our first show of the year and open house were enjoyed by many and our Annual General Meeting was well attended by both returning and new members.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Sans Souci Co-ordinator position has been filled by Jessica Turner - Thank you Jessica!
- Event Photographer for BAA activities outside of openings

If you would like more information on volunteer opportunities, please let one of the Executives know

TREASURER

CHEQUES FOR WORKS SOLD and TAX RECEIPTS will be available at the changeovers. If you can't pick them up then they will be held for you in the cash drawer in brown envelopes at the studio. The BAA will accept e-transfers for membership fees or donations at bellevilleaa3@gmail.com **This account requires a security question. Please make sure that you let Dona know the correct answer.**Dona Knudsen

When recording sales at the gallery please make sure that you complete all the following information: Date, Item, Artist's name, cost per item, Total and Payment Information (cash, cheques, VISA etc) and your name.

This ensures that members will get paid and the books can be kept up-to-date.

Thank you...

Dona Knudsen

MEMBERSHIP

Firstly, we would like to extend my gratitude to all those who have already purchased their 2025 membership. If you intend to renew but have not yet done so, please complete this by the end of the month. Remember that you can conveniently do this from home using e-transfer. Should you have any updated information from last year, you can fill out the online form on our website. Alternatively, if you prefer pen and paper, blank forms are available at the gallery at the sitter's desk. Your membership **MUST** be renewed to participate in BAA activities, including our February show. For those who have chosen not to renew their 2025 membership, we wish you well in your future endeavors.

Two orientation sessions have been conducted so far for our new members, with another scheduled for March. The details of the March session will be announced via email and will be open to all members, both new and old, should you wish to attend for a refresher.

Angela Cook has volunteered to compile the newsletter items each month. If you have any news to include, please send it to Angela (or to membership@bellevilleart.ca) by the end of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter. We encourage you to share any external shows you participate in or awards you receive, as we aim to support and celebrate our members.

Online Membership Form

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

We have been off to a great start for 2025. The BAA website is becoming a busy resource for the community and BAA members. Stay informed through Member Resources and Things To Do, and be sure to check out *Our Art* pages to see what your fellow artists are creating.

If any members are interested in accessing their own artist page to change images, bios, or statements, let us know, and we'll set you up with a username and password.

Advertising posts have been created and scheduled on a monthly basis through social media outlets and community partners to keep Belleville Art Association top of mind for art within the community. Continue to like and share and keep on creating!

Kim at hello@bellevilleart.ca
or Terri at marketing@bellevilleart.ca

PROGRAMMING



Workshops

This month, we resume our monthly workshops with an all-day presentation by Sharlena Wood on Fauvism and Impressionism, on Saturday February 8th.

Starting in March, we return to Thursday afternoon workshops. Information for each will be emailed to members in the month prior. As our workshops are popular, we suggest that if you are interested, to register sooner than later to avoid being disappointed. And, to secure your spot, you must pay in a timely fashion.

The next two are:

- March 20th: Image Transfer presented by Theresa Morin
- April 17th: Getting to know your Soft Pastels presented by Lorraine Mackie

In addition, we will be holding quarterly general meetings at the Gallery on the last Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 31st at noon. These meetings will be informal and will provide a venue for members to ask questions. There will also be a rotating theme for discussion.

During the months of July and August, we are planning a series of En Plein Air gatherings around the Quinte area. These will be on Wednesdays and every second

week.

If you are interested in conducting one of our workshops or have a suggestion about programs you wish to see, please let us know.

Jacqui Fry and Julie Lower - Our email is workshops@bellevilleart.ca

STUDIO

Thank You to everyone who signed up to sit for the month of February which keeps our gallery open.

Reminder to please check our gallery calendar on the website for dates of Opening Receptions and our changeover dates. We adjusted the calendar to avoid long weekends. So changeovers and openings are earlier in some months.

Our next Opening Reception our All You Need is Love show is Sat, Feb 15, 2-4 pm. Please invite or bring your friends and family to enjoy our tasty treats and refreshments while they look at the show.

Attention Photographers, the March Show is the "Thru the Lens" featuring photography. Also Artist Choice for non-photographers.

The "Thru the Lens" show changeover is Sun, Mar 2, 10 am-12 pm and the Opening Reception is Sat, Mar 8, 2-4 pm

Christ Church Painting Group - 39 Everett St in Belleville

Just a reminder that this group is continuing on Tues open 10-4 pm - come and go as you please. Contact Jeannine at studio@bellevilleart.ca for details

Jeannine and Jan

UPCOMING CHANGEOVERS AT THE BAA GALLERY



MARCH 2025 Sunday, Mar 2, 10 am -12 pm

Thru the Lens or Artist Choice

with opening reception on Saturday March 8th 2-4pm

APRIL 2025 Sunday, Apr 6, 10 am-12 pm

Spring has sprung or Artist Choice

with opening reception on Saturday April 12th 2-4pm

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QUINTE FILM ALTERNATIVE

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EMILIA PÉREZ

FEBRUARY 19
SHOWTIME 2PM & 7PM at the Empire Theatre



BLITZ

MARCH 5
SHOWTIME 2PM & 7PM at the Empire Theatre

[Quinte Film Alternative Website](#)

Thank you for your support of the arts in our community.

[Visit our BAA Website](#)

Deadline for the March 2025 Newsletter is February 28, 2025

Please send your information to membership@bellevilleart.ca

"It is not what you look at that matters, It's what you see."
Henry David Thoreau



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