

Newsletter Fall 2015

Please Join Us...

for an evening of learning and networking. Come and mingle with like-minded members of your creative community. The Kawartha Lakes Arts Council invites you and your friends to join us for **either one or both events** we are hosting on Wednesday, November 18th.

The Art of Grant Writing

by Tara Williamson
Wed. November 18, 6 - 7:30 pm
Meeting Room, Lindsay Library
Members \$10, Non-Members \$15

If we spent half the amount of time crafting a grant application as we do on the blueprints for our newest art project, we would have more money and time to actually make our art.

Join Tara Williamson to find out how to write effective grant applications. As a professional musician, published writer and independent consultant she has been a successful grant recipient as an individual and as a member of collectives and non-profit arts organizations. Tara's work has been supported by the Ontario Arts Council, the Canada Council for the Arts, the Banff Centre for the Arts and Manitoba Music. For more information on Tara's work check out her website www.tarawilliamson.net.

Social & Networking Event

Wed. November 18, 7:30 - 9pm
Lindsay Art Gallery (upstairs in the Lindsay Library)
Members \$10, Non-Members \$15

Following Tara's presentation we will be hosting a **Social & Networking Event** where you can come and interact with other artists, musicians, actors, and arts supporters from our community. There will be live jazz music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar with beer, wine and soft drinks.

Check out the beautiful work of our 'online' featured artist Donna Bisschop.



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Tickets for both of these events are available at the door OR through a secure service on our website at www.kawarthalakesartscouncil.com.

Please come out and support either one or both of these great events. Bring a friend or two....everyone is welcome!

Currently not a member? Consider joining us...

Membership in the Kawartha Lakes Arts Council (KLAC) offers you a voice in shaping the future of the arts in our community through your ideas, suggestions and participation. Advantages of KLAC membership include involvement in Social Mixers and Networking, Website Profiles and Artist Features, Marketing of your Upcoming Exhibits and Events, Education, Workshops, Mentoring, One-voice Advocacy and a Quarterly Newsletter.

Membership Special Offer!

Become a Member NOW and enjoy a 2016 KLAC membership included with your 2015 package. Kawartha Lakes Arts Council offers several different membership options, visit our website to learn more: www.kawarthalakesartscouncil.com.

Membership Purchases and Renewals

As noted above, we now have a secure on-line service for purchases of all kinds. Take advantage of this easy and secure way to purchase your membership renewal. Just go to www.kawarthalakesartscouncil.com Click on "Get Involved", and then "Membership" and follow the links.



Our Featured Artist

Lucia McHardy is a graduate of Sheridan College School of Design and an active member of the Kawartha Potter's Guild.

All of her work is exclusively hand built, a slow process which she finds meditative and satisfying. Her main intent is to bring grace and vitality to her work.



It is hard not to be influenced by the rigid precision of mass produced ceramics that flood stores and our lives. Lucia is in an ongoing process of seeking texture and decoration unique to the hand building process and attempting to combine it with complementary forms.



Fall Review

Kawartha Lakes Arts Festival - September 5th - 6th

KLAC was proud to participate in the Kawartha Lakes Arts Festival in Fenelon Falls on the Labour Day Weekend. It was one of the hottest weekends of the summer but many braved the heat to enjoy the work of about 100 artists displaying their work at the Fenelon Fair Grounds. Our KLAC booth served as a bit of an oasis, a relaxed environment under the shade of a large tree where members of the Arts Council Board engaged in lively conversations with artists and patrons to learn more about each other.

One of the most common comments from both new residents and those with history in CKL was that they would love to have the opportunity to connect with the arts community socially and to network and share experience. We encouraged them to join our mailing list, participate in events held by KLAC, check out our website for news, and also 'friend' us on Facebook to keep up with news and events taking place in our region.

Kawartha Lakes Cultural Centre Committee Presents to City Council - October 22nd

Many hours of research, preparation and meetings with individual Councillors and the Mayor peaked interest and paved the way to an invitation to make a presentation at a City Council meeting on October 22nd. Susan Taylor and David Wesley representing the Kawartha Lakes Arts Council and The Kawartha Lakes Heritage Network spoke on the merits of arts, culture and heritage as essential elements in the growth of tourism and economic development in CKL. They pointed out that the North American economy has changed significantly with the loss of manufacturing and therefore it is vital that municipalities such as CKL recognize the value of promoting not only the natural beauty of the area but also the tremendous wealth of talented artists, musicians, actors, and culture and heritage assets, from museums and their archives to historic sites which are the essential ingredients in the new creative economy.

The City has already invested significant dollars in the development of the Culture Master Plan and the Heritage Master Plan but has not adopted the plans for implementation. The purpose of this special presentation to Council was to request the formation of a task force to review and bring forward recommendations that will see the adoption of both the Kawartha Lakes Master Plan and the Kawartha Lakes Heritage Plan, and to recommend that Council consider a permanent city staff position of an Arts, Culture and Heritage Development Officer in Economic Development. Currently there is a non-permanent contract position covering this posting. Council has agreed to create the task force to review the master plans for implementation but the permanent position in Economic Development is not approved at this time.

The statistics and growth rates associated with the creative economy are impressive. Arts, culture and heritage in Ontario represent \$23.8 billion in revenue and more than 301,000 jobs. In Canada between 1997 and 2008 cultural spending increased by 28%. If the City of Kawartha Lakes wishes to grow its economy, the cultural sector is where they should be investing and focusing.

2015 Extraordinary Women Event at LAB - October 22nd

Congratulations to all 2015 Extraordinary Women Nominees, special kudos to KLAC Board of Directors members Debra Soule & Susan Taylor!

The awards recognize women who have made an extraordinary contribution to the improvement of the quality of life in our community. An event to honour nominees was held at the Lakeview Arts Barn on October 22nd. The sold out evening attended by over 200 people included dinner followed by the presentation of the awards in each category and many additional fundraising activities to support Women's Resources.

You're a member and want to get involved, right? Here's how.

Volunteer

Support your vibrant Arts community by becoming a volunteer with KLAC. Just drop us an email with "Volunteer" in the subject box and we will get right back to you.

Got News to Share?

If you have info that you would like us to post about your events and exhibits, we would love to help you spread the word. Simply email us with your information with "Please share" in the subject line and we will put it on the website.

Facebook

Have an upcoming event? Running a class or workshop? We want to know! Looking for entertainment, events, gallery showings and generally what's happening in our creative community? Join in by "friending", "liking", "following" and "sharing" us on Facebook.

Media Contacts

We are constantly looking to expand our exposure and are seeking publications or online listings to promote arts events. If you know of a distribution outlet that you think we may have missed please email us and we will add them to our growing list.

Newsletter Contributions

Have content ideas for our newsletter?... don't be shy. Email us with "Newsletter Idea" in the Subject Box.

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Lucia lives on a large expanse of bush and marsh, a rugged landscape near Buckhorn. She finds that living in the country reduces the influence of commercial goods on her work and gives her more freedom to explore alternatives. The wildness of the land provides her with subject matter, inspiration and peace.



Lucia takes part yearly in the fall Victoria County Studio Tour and her studio is open year round by appointment
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Please visit the Etsy website
www.etsy.com/shop/KawarthaWildsPottery
 to view (and purchase if desired!) a wide range of Lucia's stoneware, Raku and her book, *A Smaller Richer Life: Using Illness as a Chance to Grow*.

