



AGW
Art Gallery of Windsor

President's Appeal

Enriching the Art Experience



In this, my second year as Gallery President, my wife Suzanne Marsh and I have together pledged our support as Lead Donors to this year's President's Appeal. For the 2017 campaign we ask you to support the Art Gallery of Windsor's commitment to informative and compelling art experiences.

We are very proud of all the work accomplished by the Gallery this year. In particular though, we highlight new developments in public programming that support the **Strategic Plan 2015-2020** vision of **"fostering a love and appreciation of art with you."** The Education Committee and staff have worked diligently to bring you these three new programs: the AGW's 6th curriculum-linked program for grades 1-6, *Math at the Gallery*; an Executive Director's audio tour of the collection galleries and a new adult program *Remembering through Art for Persons with Dementia and their Care Partners*.

All this was additional to continuing programs including *Sundays in the Studio*, artist talks, curator and docent-led tours, panel discussions, the spring and fall film series, adult art classes and the *Art & Seek* family guide. In January 2018 we will be launching our newest elementary school program *Indigenous Perspectives through Art* thanks to an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant. This work represents many new partnerships formed over these last twelve months and the skill depth of our talented curatorial and education team. More Gallery accomplishments and your stories continue on the second page of this appeal.

It is your generosity and continuing donations that have enabled these accomplishments and we ask you to do so for the year ahead, an exciting one as the AGW will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. We encourage you to use the enclosed reply card to pledge your dedication to the Art Gallery of Windsor. Gifts can be made in person, by phone, online, by cheque or credit card.

Sincerely,
Jim and Suzanne Marsh

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Continuing Excellence and Success



The Exhibitions:

The AGW offers some of the best exhibition programming in Ontario and this work garnered local through national interest. The exhibitions presented in Windsor, and those we are touring across Canada by Wafaa Bilal and Brenda Francis Pelkey, have attracted critical attention from local media and national sources such as *Canadian Art*, *Blackflash*, *National Gallery e-Magazine* and *Detroit Art Review*.

The Gallery was thrilled to work with conceptual artist Iain Baxter & to introduce part one of *The Sandwich Project*, exploring the entangled relationships between place, history and identity vis-à-vis food culture. This exhibition was enthusiastically received as we unpacked the many meanings of sandwich—Sandwich, Ontario as place, and sandwich as object and as experience. Ongoing work to respond to art in Windsor included presentation of *The Windsor Essex Triennial of Contemporary Art* exploring themes of downtown and urban renewal. Equally, it has been an honour to present

exhibitions featuring artists Suzy Lake, Charles Pachter, William Stidworthy, Isabelle Hayeur and David Milne. All those artists included in *Position as Desired: Exploring African-Canadian Identity: Photographs from the Wedge Collection* assembled by Windsor-born Dr. Kenneth Montague and *Local Matters: Celestino, Del Col, Duck, Moores and Mosna* are also to be recognized.

Community and Peer Recognition:

We began the year with a Best of Windsor Award for “Best Public Art Gallery or Space” and we thank everyone who voted for the AGW. Such public acknowledgement means so much. We close the year by sharing the wonderful news of our Executive Director’s recent election as President of the Ontario Association of Art Galleries. Following Kenneth Saltmarche, who served the Association in 1968, she is the second AGW Executive Director to hold this honour. Visitors and peers, thank you!

Your Stories in 2017



Lovely gallery! Thank you to the artists, curators and staff for a wonderful cultural experience.

Tom and Angela, Calgary, Alberta

I had so much fun in the studio...The art here always keeps me interested.

Katie

This Art Gallery is a gem. What a pleasant surprise!

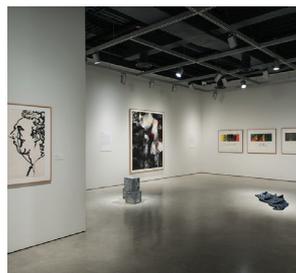
Rosita, Toronto

Amazing, beautiful, breathtaking art.

Grace Chadwick

“It was wonderful and I hope other children get to experience this.

Lawson H. Coronation School



Stunning, jaw dropping art.

Cassidy Coderre

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