



artists' association of Dollard

November 2023

Our meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of the month.  
Please note however that our December meeting will be held on a Wednesday.

Meeting Schedule for 2023 – 2024	
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	“Show & Tell” by executive members, registrations, name tags, prep. for Expo - bring a painting for poster or as a donation.
Wednesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wah Wing Chan
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Creations Horagai (Olivier Léogane)
Wednesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.	Pot Luck Dinner and card exchange
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	(To be determined)
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	(To be determined)
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	(To be determined)
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	(To be determined)
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting

## 2023-2024 BOARD MEMBERS



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## Letter from our President

Hello Everyone,

November was a most successful month for our AAD. The DCA Holiday Market again was a huge success which drew many people up to see our amazing Art Exhibition in Park View Hall. This new venue with its tranquil view of the forest through its huge windows and our new black metal panels showed off each artist's presentation. These artists were amazed at the crowds and transactions.

Frankie and her team did an amazing job setting up our exhibition and hosting our Saturday vernissage. It was a huge undertaking for Frankie, so Kudos to everyone who participated and helped make it a successful event. Thanks to all the husbands who willingly helped out setting up and taking down our exhibition. Merci !

Did you see our new flags? So colourful with our new Logo. Being our first attempt to try something new surprised all of us. The raffle surpassed all our expectations. People were very generous this year knowing it is a difficult year for a lot of our neighbours. Our AAD collection was greatly appreciated by the West Island Community Shares and will certainly make a difference for them this year. From my experience each exhibition is different in terms of the season, format. So let's start to look forward to our spring exhibition.

Our November will end with a Bang. Angelo is presenting an amazing artist named Olivier Leogane - Creations Horagai. See you on Tuesday, November 28th in the Gallery for his exciting presentation.

Note: Check out Horagai on Google.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 13th, at 5:30 for our Holiday Pot Luck Dinner. We will be setting up the tables and chairs at 5:00, in the Gallery and will be ready eat around 6:00.

Reminder to create and wrap a card or small 4 x 6 painting for our card exchange. It has always been a hit with our members.

See you soon,

Susan

## WOOOOOHOOOO! GOOD NEWS about our Fall Exhibit!!

What a huge success our Fall Exhibit has been!

**The sales** were A-MA-ZING, coming in over **\$5900**.

That is record breaking for us!

**Our artists** were exceptionally pleased with the Parkview room and its beautiful lighting and huge windows. There were smiles on a lot of faces all weekend; we had fun and we supported each other and it showed! The traffic of visitors / potential buyers was constant, and expertly funneled to our out-of-the-way location by young DCA volunteers who did their job beyond reproach. The DCA volunteers were critical in our success, as was the fact our artists out did themselves in showcasing absolutely spectacular paintings, small works and cards.

Raffle ticket sales were record breaking as well! The idea of offering a painting as a prize was effective.

Before the raffle even began, our artists raised \$860 by pre-selling 242 tickets! This approach will be revisited for our next exhibit due to issues and feedback received.



**Susan and Frankie with Nynke Wijnalda**  
as they gave her the money collected for  
**West Island Community Shares**



Frankie with **Stephen Blair**, the winner of the raffle  
in her home when he came to pick up his painting.

During the 2-day event, we were assertive in greeting visitors at the door and offering the tickets, which proved to be a good strategy. We sold 84 more tickets for an approximate (and conservative) value of \$340, bringing the total foreseen donation in excess of \$1200.

**Congratulations to the Raffle winner**, Mr. Stephen Blair, an artist who practices photography in the West Island, particularly Pointe-Claire South.

**Congratulations and thank you** to all the artists who allowed the AAD to be so well represented, and even more so to those who participated and supported the Exhibition Team's efforts. In particular, all those husbands, Ray (Frankie), Derek (Hjordis), Murray (Susan), Christian (Dominique), Huaqin (Ling) who spend hours helping in anyway they can, but really went way beyond with the prep and clean up for this exhibit.

*Your Exhibition Team!*



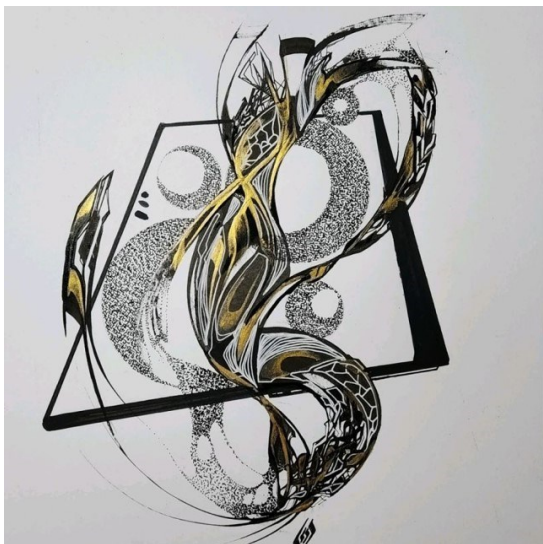
## bio. November Artist Olivier Léogane



Beyond his artistic talent, one element that is striking about Olivier Léogane is the duality of his character. Indeed, with a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Montreal, he is an artist in a chemist's body.

To better understand his approach, we need to look at the origin of the choice of the appellation "Horagai". Indeed, in the time of the Samurai, the horagai was a huge shellfish caught at sea. The horagai was carried by a soldier whose sole task was to transmit marching orders. This vector of communication is now the mission of the horagai workshops and Olivier, through the contradiction of his character, ardently wishes to become this messenger in order to share his experience and knowledge, especially among young people.

In this context, Horagai Creations has developed a series of workshops that combine scientific concepts and painting and whose main objectives are to democratize art by combining it with the learning of basic sciences.



Our very best wishes to our members who will be celebrating their birthday next months:

	<b>Nick Bogdanos on the 14<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>Kenneth Kalman on the 14<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>Ling Kang on the 14<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>Menashe Bar-Dor on the 14<sup>th</sup></b>

	<b>Catherine Daignault on the 14<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>Kathleen Leggatt on the 18<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>Terry Fishman on the 29<sup>th</sup></b>

## Dear AAD members,

I am Bobby Bennett... however, my work is signed, Zay.D. I am a new member of the AAD. I originally joined the AAD to qualify to be part of the art show of the Holiday Market. Simple as that. Obviously I found more than expected. Like Susan says. "Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity".

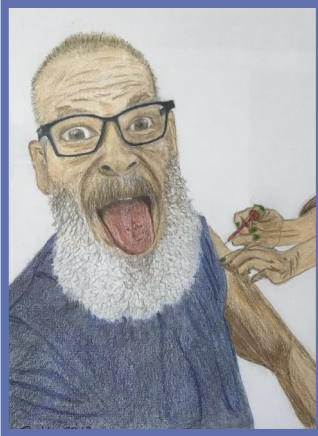
I am now involved with Lise and Denise with the PALETTE. I am not sure how the members view the PALETTE when it is published. How it is read? Printed, using an I Pad, a desk top or sadly on your phone. Each device will give a different experience.

The committee's job is to provide our members with all the information they need and want... And, moreover, in a form that can be informative and enjoyable at the same time.

We are asking our members to think about what they can contribute and share with the group through the PALETTE. We are open to anything pertaining to art and you. A story, a sketch, any idea to share.

All this can be done by e-mail. Send me your content and we could put it in the PALETTE and share it with everyone.

Let's have fun. I look forward to working with you.



One more thing:  
Don't forget your shots!

Bobby (ZAY.D.)  
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## The Cookie Corner

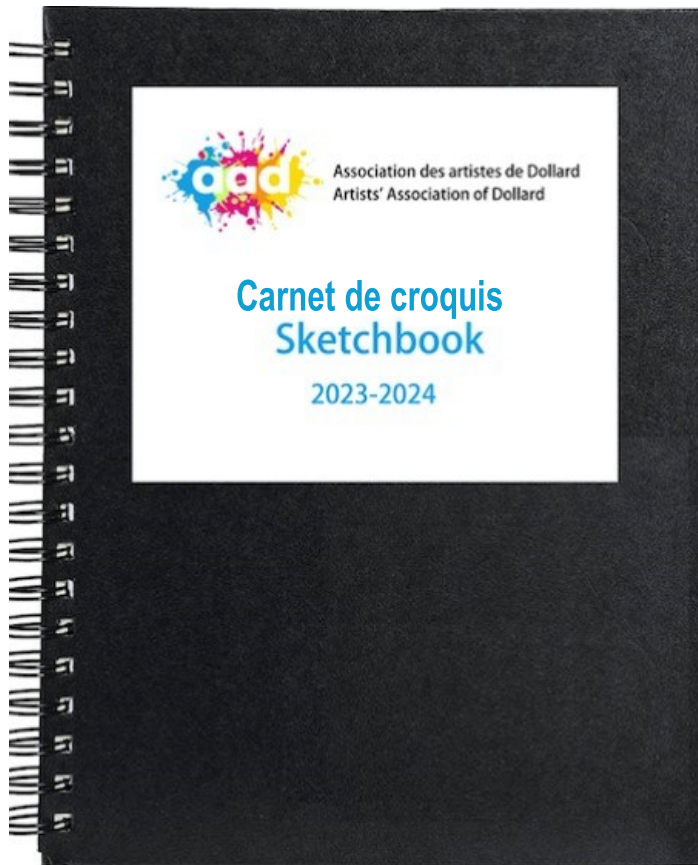
Drinks and snacks **are offered by two members at the beginning of each meeting.** Please sign up on the volunteer sheet at the September meeting.

Volunteers signed up for the following dates:

September 26<sup>th</sup> : Susan Hodgson and Frankie Cambria  
 November 1<sup>st</sup> : Jullia Qi and Nick Bogdanos  
**November 28 : Bob Field and Frankie Cambria**  
 December 13<sup>th</sup> : Pot Luck dinner  
 January 30<sup>th</sup> : Mariska Smeding and Bobby Bennett  
 February 27<sup>th</sup> :  
 March 26<sup>th</sup> : Dominique Lachance and Terry Fishman  
 April 30<sup>th</sup> : Julia Qi  
 May 28<sup>th</sup> : AGM and Pot Luck dinner

## New! Shared sketchbook between AAD members

This shared sketchbook serves as a collective repository for our monthly moods, our activities and spontaneous thoughts and art techniques, creating a meaningful archive throughout the year.



Artists who contribute to this book own the copyright of their drawings/paintings. They are welcome to take photos, scan, copy, and publish them on the Internet. However, the originals must remain in this book.

(More rules about copyright are written in the book, on page 3).

It is everyone's responsibility to keep the sketchbook clean, safe, and in good condition.

Any advice or complaint is welcome.

Please contact [Julia juliagi29@hotmail.com](mailto:julia.juliagi29@hotmail.com)  
or [Menashe mbardor1@gmail.com](mailto:Menashe mbardor1@gmail.com)

Enjoy this book and happy painting!

*Julia Qi and Menashe Bar-Dor*

Sign up page	
Nov.	
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Dec.	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sign up during monthly meetings for the upcoming month.</li> <li>- 2 weeks per artist, feel free to contact the next artist if it's finished early.</li> <li>- the last artist of the month brings this book to the meeting.</li> </ul>	

Signature page
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- artist's signature</li> <li>- say something to AAD</li> <li>- cheering thoughts</li> </ul>

Creative space
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- technic share and tips</li> <li>- ask questions</li> <li>- sketching and drawing</li> <li>- painting</li> <li>- challenge other artists</li> <li>- pictures</li> <li>- use up to 5 pages</li> <li>- ...</li> </ul>
Artist's thoughts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stories and tips</li> <li>- name and date</li> </ul>



## AAD Website



It is the responsibility of all members to make sure all their information is up to date on all AAD sites. Please check your web page and contact Ann De Benedetti to submit new information and/or artworks.

The email for the AAD is: [artddo.ca@gmail.com](mailto:artddo.ca@gmail.com)

This AAD email can also be used to answer your questions if you can't find the answer anywhere else. The emails are received by Ann De Benedetti and she forwards them to the executive member who can answer your questions.

### Congratulations go to Steven Rosati!! ...a local artist!

Earlier this year, the Canadian government asked the Royal Mint and the Bank of Canada to replace the likeness of the Queen with that of the King on its coins and on the \$20 bill.

Following the government's announcement regarding the introduction of a new design, the Mint invited more than 350 Canadian artists and engravers registered in its database to submit a portfolio to its internal review committee.



The Royal Canadian Mint president, Marie Lemay, and Canadian portrait artist Steven Rosati pose beside the first Canadian coin depicting King Charles III unveiled on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023 in Winnipeg.

The image used for this purpose was created by Canadian artist Steven Rosati. He has previously created other coins for the Royal Canadian Mint, including six National Hockey League silver goalie coins and a 100th anniversary commemorative dollar honoring the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The very first coins bearing the face of King Charles III will be in circulation in Canada starting in December 2023.

*Lise Pigeon*

### From the Editors—



Send us stuff !

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