



artists' association of Dollard

January 2024

Our meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

Meeting Schedule for 2023 – 2024	
September 26 th	“Show & Tell” by executive members, registrations, name tags, prep. for Expo - bring a painting for poster or as a donation.
Wednesday, November 1 st	Wah Wing Chan
November 28 th	Creations Horagai (Olivier Léogane)
Wednesday, December 13 th at 5:30 p.m.	Pot Luck Dinner and card exchange
January 30 th	Presentation in the Galerie de la Ville by Steven Rosati, followed by a 30-minute workshop for those who want to bring their sketchbook and make a portrait.
February 27 th	Presentation of the new director of the CAD gallery - Tina Vibert
March 26 th	(March has not yet been finalized so stay tuned!)
April 30 th	(To be determined)
May 28 th	Annual General Meeting

2023-2024 BOARD MEMBERS



Frankie Cambria
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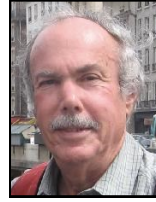
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President's Message for January

Hello fellow artists and Happy New Year.

This year, 2024 is a new beginning and is offering all AAD Artists a fresh start. Firstly, I want to welcome Tina Vibert, as our new DCA Gallery Director. The AAD is looking forward to working with her, to continue to develop our strong relationship. New ideas, new beginnings.

On January 8th we have inaugurated our first AAD Artists display in the library. Please check out Terry's emotional work that is beautifully displayed and realize that this is something that you can start working towards this new year. Many thanks to Bobby, Bernard and Terry who brought this idea into reality.

Our travelling sketchbook is on its journey. Please make sure you take this opportunity to be part of this fun project. It is connecting us all.

A reminder that Art in the Entrance needs to be refreshed. Time to get your brushes and pencil going. When ready let me know.

In the depth of winter it is great to know that Spring is around the corner, so get ready now, for our May exhibition. Information to follow from Frankie.

Winter is a great time to set aside time to get out your brushes and supplies and turn up the music. So our new motto should be "Get Grooving, Art On."

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, January 30 for an exciting evening.

Keep well everyone.

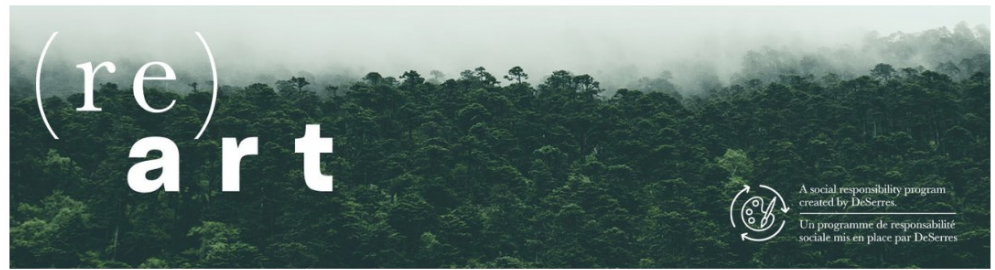
Susan

Here are 2 souvenir photos from our 2023 Christmas dinner.

(A photo with Manjit but without Renée and one with Renée but without Manjit)

Everyone shows the card received during the exchange of cards.





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(re)art - A Social Responsibility Program

<https://www.deserres.ca/pages/reart-a-social-responsibility-program>

DeSerres recycling program

DeSerres created an art material recycling program in partnership with a company that shares their values: **Terracycle**.

Operating in over 20 countries, Terracycle is an environmentally friendly company that recycles waste that is generally considered non-recyclable, so that it can be transformed and reused. In addition to their recycling programs, a portion of proceeds raised through the participation of companies like DeSerres is then donated to non-profit organizations.

Through this recycling program, which aims to recycle art materials that are considered "non-recyclable", we have recycled more than 2,000 litres of products—that's over 8,000 250 ml jars of DeSerres acrylic paint in one year!

There is a drop off box in each DeSerres store.



Accepted products:



Pencils



Paint tubes



Paint containers



Mediums



Paintbrushes



Markers



Spatulas

NOT accepted:



Spray paint



Large paint cans



Batteries

Collaboration by Karen Sciortino

Exhibition on our wall in the Library

Terry Fishman, first artist who accepted to show her artwork on one of the walls in the library.

Terry Fishman - Biography

I am a Canadian Artist, born in Montreal, January 29, 1953. In 2016, my life took an unexpected turn when I took my first Art class with Artist/Gallery owner, Nedia El Khouri of the Viva Vida Art Gallery, Pointe Claire. After retiring from a thirty-three-year career as a social counselor at the Jewish General Hospital, I decided to challenge myself, learning to draw and paint. My goal, to keep an active mind and vibrant life. As an artist, I am drawn to painting my memories. Painting allows me to express my emotions at different stages of my life, whether they express joy, sadness, or grief. My art style over the past eight years has evolved into Abstract painting; mostly whimsical nature and floral themes. You'll frequently find added little critters somewhere on the canvas. I am a prolific painter. Acrylics is my first love; second being Water-colour.



Artist's Statement for DDO Library Exhibition

This is a group of works that I painted during Covid-19, up until present time. As it turned out; I was navigating my mom's journey with Alzheimer's Disease during the pandemic and always looking for the light which is a significant and recurrent theme in my artwork. I tend to paint boldly with my colours and my marks are often circular and meditative. These details revolve round flowers and gardens and as my mom's illness evolved; what showed up on each canvas were these little "critters." They have become much more abstract and significant as I have come to realize these critters have become my comfort in grief. I have learned throughout the years that grief can be an ongoing companion and friend that we travel with throughout a lifetime.

These seven paintings are most significant to me as this is where my art has evolved and what brings me joy when creating. The painting entitled "Forget Me Not" has been donated to Alzheimer's Group Inc. I painted this piece at the time that I knew my mother no longer recognized me as her daughter; a sad time for anyone who has a family member with this illness. Yet, I looked for the light and what showed up were rainbows and Forget-me-not flowers.



Members interested in showing their artworks on that wall for a month, please contact Bobby Bennett at bobbinnett@gmail.com. He will gladly add you to the list.

In fact, the team in that project did a wonderful job hanging Terry's artworks on the wall..... Your turn to play !

(from left to right)

Terry, Bobby, Library representative, Bernard, Susan

bio. January Guest speaker Steven Rosati

Canadian Portrait artist **Steven Rosati** is nationally recognized for his Old Master style and technique. He studied fine arts, portrait painting and Graphic Design in schools both publicly and privately in Montreal and Toronto. He considers his real education from the endless hours of study in museums around the world of portrait painters past and present and practice.

All portrait paintings are expertly done in oil on linen, board or canvas. His primary passion in portraiture is to capture the sitter's likeness, beauty, and spirit. He strives to put life into all his portraits at the highest level with a feeling the sitter can step out of the frame. His goal is to create a museum quality portrait the sitter and family will be happy and proud to hang in their homes for future generations to come.

Steven is a member of the Portrait Society of Canada and America. He is a proud Art Ambassador for Royal Talens and Cobra Water Mixable Oil paints. He lives and teaches privately in Montreal Quebec Canada with his wife and two sons.



Among his many achievements, he has to his credit many creations on Canadian coins and has won prizes of all sorts.

For more information, please visit his web site :
<https://stevenrosati.com>

Steven Rosati

Master portrait artist providing
museum quality portrait paintings

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

	Joseph Grimm on the 3 rd
	Francesca Cambria on the 6 th
	Julia Qi on the 29 th

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

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.



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

Thank you to our volunteers!

From the Editors—



Send us stuff, preferably to the three of us !

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