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association des artistes de Dollard
artists' association of Dollard



Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm unless otherwise specified.
Please bring your name tags to the meeting so that we can match names with faces



Until further notice, the meetings will be held at
CHALET SUNNYBROOKE, 7 RUE CADMAN, DDO



Calender of Events

30 Sept 2025 Special General Meeting	28 Oct 2025 Guest : Jono Doiron jonodoiron.com	25 Nov 2025 Workshop:Angelo Russo AI Tool for artists
Thu, 18 Dec 2025 Potluck	27 Jan 2026 Guest : Mark Liam Smith Markliamsmith.com	24 Feb 2026 Guest : Peter W. Hart Peterwhart.com
31 Mar 2026 TBD	28 Apr 2026 Workshop: Magda Mikhail	26 May 2026 Potluck

IMPORTANT:

**December: Holiday Potluck
THURSDAY, December 18
Set-up 6:00-6:30, Dinner 6:30**



Holiday Pot-Luck Dinner

Our annual pot-luck dinner will be held on **Thursday, December 18** at our usual location on Cadman Street. Please bring a savoury or sweet dish to share and serving tools as needed. Please label any dish with common allergens such as nuts and note whether a dish is vegetarian if not obvious. **Set-up will be between 6:00 and 6:30 PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM.**

To be eco friendly, we ask all participants to bring their own plate and cutlery as well. Coffee and tea will be served and there may just be some wine left from the vernissage as well ;)

Bring-a-Card, Take-a-Card

In keeping with tradition, all members are asked to create an original card or card sized painting (**approximately 5 by 7 inches**) for a small gift exchange. Wrap your card-painting in paper or a sealed envelope without any identifying information. They will all go into a basket and participants will pull one out.



AAD MINI-EXHIBITIONS

Bobby Bennett

As a member of the AAD you have some opportunities to show your work. Every artist is unique, and we want to celebrate you wherever you are in your art journey.

Bobby will happily guide you through the process.

Please email or telephone for more information at –
bobbinett@gmail.com | 514-249-5456

You can review past palettes to see previous exhibitors.

#1 Art at the Dollard Library!

Members of the AAD are invited to display their artwork on our designated library wall.

Every two months, one artist gets the space. No jury, no pressure – if you want to show your work, just reach out to Bobby.

You'll need 5–10 finished pieces (large or small), framed or with painted canvas edges, all with wire hangers. A short bio and a brief note about your artwork are also requested.

#2 Art in the FOYER!

We have two locked display cases dedicated to AAD members in the entrance to the DDO civic center

1. Work can be in any medium and must be on paper and unframed.
2. You can submit several pieces depending on their size.
3. They can be sketches or even unfinished work.



I am a contemporary artist and a lifelong West Islander.

This series of works, inspired by the natural world, aims to highlight humanity's elemental connection with nature. In a world characterized by ceaseless activity and constant demand, the soul instinctively seeks out places where the relentless noise of modern life is shut out, and the spirit can be refreshed and rejuvenated.

Through the use of acrylic paint and an emphasis on salvaged wood, the works in this series invites the viewer to experience the peace and tranquility, the transcendent comfort, that wooded areas uniquely provide.

Joan Flynn
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NEXT LIBRARY EXHIBIT JAN 5TH – MAR 2ND

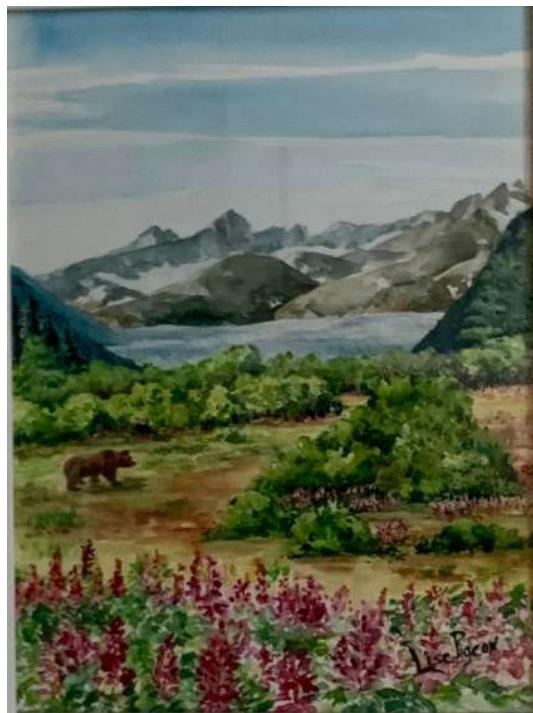
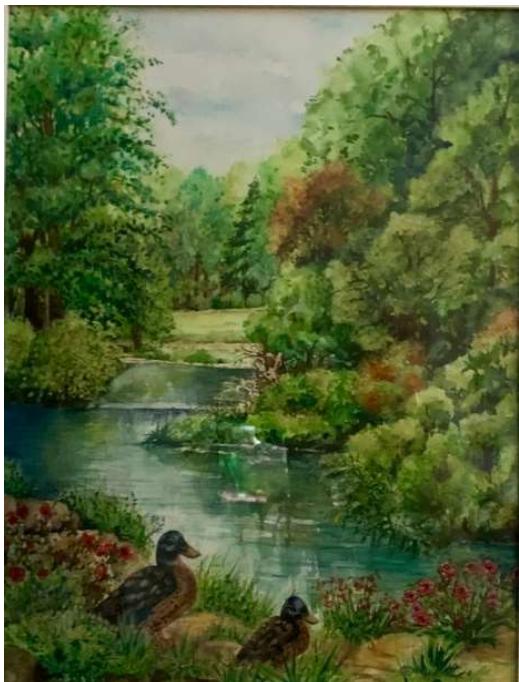


Lise Pigeon

I am a West Island watercolour artist who has always enjoyed all that nature has to offer particularly landscapes and animals in their habitats who share this earth with us. I enjoy being outside discovering and observing wildlife when I go on vacation, walk in the woods, garden or even when I am playing golf. I love to capture a special moment in time which I save on paper using the colours on my palette.

I hope you enjoy the moments I have tried to capture!

Theme: Wild Animals in their Habitat





Frantz Chatel



Message from the Webmaster

Ann de Benedetti

artddo.ca - Attention all members! If you have not updated your work in the gallery section of our website, please send in new images of recent work now. If there are no images under your name, we need some now. A blank box above your name does not convey the sense of your artistic practice!

Send a short bio and a few jpeg images to artddo.ca@gmail.com

New to artddo.ca: On the Exhibits page click on the poster for our permanent exhibit Celebration and you'll find a photo of participating artists. On the Archives page you will see posters and invitation cards from our past exhibitions.



THE XMAS POEM- by Derek Wills

The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
And a partridge in a pear tree
Two turtle doves
Three French hens
Four calling birds
Five gold rings
Six geese a laying
Seven swans a swimming
Eight maids a milking
Nine ladies dancing
Ten lords a leaping
Eleven pipers piping
Twelve drummers drumming

The Twelve Day of Quarantine

On the first day of quarantine
My blue dove flew to me
And a fridge in a pantry
Two pairs of gloves
Three fountain pens
Four computer nerds
Five old kings
Six guitars a playing
Seven wands a waving
Eight mates a drinking
Nine babies bouncing
Ten floor boards creaking
Eleven pipes blocking
Twelve plumbers plumbing



[**https://yesmontreal.ca/**](https://yesmontreal.ca/)

YES Montreal offers a number of workshops for entrepreneurs AND artists. Some workshops are offered on-line and some are in the downtown offices on Sherbrooke. There's also a series of workshops for entrepreneurship. All are worth looking into.

Demystifying Business Registration for Artists

NEW! Turning Creative Skills Into Income Streams

Jump Start Your Art + Financing Options

Learn@Lunch: Time Management for Self-Employed Artists

Grant Writing Essentials for Artists: Two-Part Series

YES Artists Program | Entrepreneurial Support for Creatives

HOW ARTISTS CAN USE THE SQUARE APP TO PROCESS PAYMENTS

Download & Set Up

- Download the **Square Point of Sale** app (free) on your phone or tablet.
- Create a Square account and link your bank account for deposits.

Accept Payments In-Person

- Use a **Square Reader** (connects via Bluetooth or headphone jack) to accept credit/debit cards, tap, or chip payments.
- Enter card details manually if the customer doesn't have their card physically.
- A reader is not required to process payments – clients can tap your phone, or if payment exceeds the tap limit, you can enter card details manually.

Accept Payments Online or Remotely

- Send invoices directly from the app or dashboard.
- Create a payment link or QR code for quick digital transactions.
- Set up a simple online store or booking page through **Square Online**.

Track Sales & Inventory

- Square logs each sale, tracks taxes, and provides detailed sales reports.
- You can Categorize items (e.g., paintings, prints, classes) for easier tracking.

Deposits & Fees

- Funds are typically deposited into your bank account within **1–2 business days**.
- Square charges a small transaction fee (around **2.6% + 10¢ per tap/swipe/dip**).
- No monthly fees or subscription plans—only fees to pay are upon transaction.

Additional Tools

- Option send receipts by text or email.
- Integrates with customer directories, marketing tools, and inventory management.

SQUARE
FOR ARTISTS/EXHIBITORS INTERESTED IN DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS

Executive 2025-2026

Chair	Karen Sciortino - overall and general charge of the Association; a coordinator.
Vice-chair	Marie Guergues - support and replace Chair as needed.
Treasurer	Jerrold Fischer - monitor and account for AAD funds
Secretary	Mariska Smeding - record and distribute minutes of meetings
Exhibitions	Marie guergues - responsible for all aspects related to exhibitions
Hospitality	Linda Farber - maintains a list of members for refreshments table at monthly meetings, coordinates vernissages with Exhibitions team
Membership coordinator	Jacinta Ionno - registers and collects annual membership fees
Mini exhibitions/Art in the civic center	Bobby Bennett - monthly rotation showcasing work of one member in the library; two showcases at entrance; semi-annual rotation of members works for "Art in the Civic Centre"
Newsletter Editor(s)	Deepali Bhargava - English to French proofreading - circulates monthly newsletter "La Palette"
Programming & Workshops	Angelo Russo & Magda Mikhail - research potential presenters and workshops
Publicity	Joan Flynn - uses traditional vehicles such as radio, newspaper and television to promote events
Social media	Terry Fishman - informs our followers on Facebook and Instagram about our events
Webmaster	Ann De Benedetti - maintains and updates member web pages at www.artddo.ca ; posts upcoming meetings, exhibition dates, links from the site, etc.



Cookie Corner

30 September	Linda Farber – Raina Carolla
28 October	Susan Hodgeson – Linda Shetzer
25 November	Bahareh Fatemil – Terry Fishman
Thursday 18 December	Pot-luck dinner Everyone brings something!
27 January	TBA
24 February	TBA
31 March	TBA
28 April	TBA
Tuesday 26 May	Pot-luck dinner Everyone brings something!



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