

<http://www.artddo.ca/>

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



## 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 Workshop: Magda Mikhail	28 Apr 2026 Guest: Ishita Banerjee	26 May 2026 Potluck

## IMPORTANT:

January: The meeting will be held online  
Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24526323727887?p=1KLGEk9vhWauDEYPFy>

Meeting ID: 245 263 237 278 87

Passcode: Ag7Z6YV2



Deepest sympathies are extended to AAD member Denise Hainault whose beloved partner, Gérard Bourgeault passed away on December 28, 2025.

Condolences were sent to Denise on behalf of the AAD; however, you may wish to express your sympathies to Denise personally.

## FEATURED ARTIST: MARK LIAM SMITH



Mark Liam Smith is a Toronto-based oil painter known for his vibrant, hyper-saturated palette and his unique approach to realism, shaped in part by his colour-blindness—a trait he embraces as a strength in his work. His art has been exhibited internationally in cities including Montreal, Toronto, London, New York, and at major art fairs such as SCOPE Basel, Art Seattle, Art Toronto, and Papier in Montreal. [\[markliamsmith.com\]](http://markliamsmith.com)

Dedicated to art education, Mark also teaches millions of aspiring artists online. His popular YouTube channel, Mark Liam Smith, offers beginner-friendly drawing and painting tutorials, color techniques, and step-by-step lessons. With over 600K subscribers and hundreds of videos, it is an excellent resource for artists of all levels. [\[youtube.com\]](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6WMZecYvxzWKxNN47Caw4A)

You can visit his YouTube channel here:

YouTube – Mark Liam Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6WMZecYvxzWKxNN47Caw4A>



## 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](mailto: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.

## NEXT LIBRARY EXHIBIT JAN 5TH – MAR 2ND

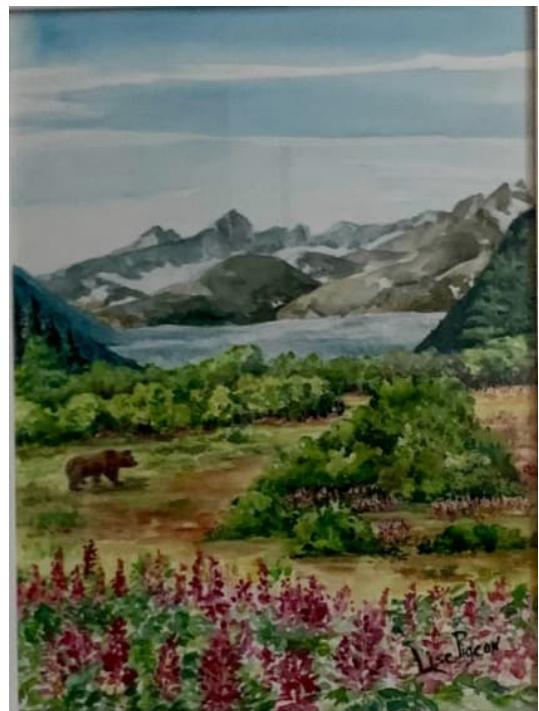


Lise Pigeon

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





Bobby Bennett

Bernard Filion



Ann de Benedetti

## Message from the Webmaster

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[artddo.ca](http://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](mailto:artddo.ca@gmail.com)

New to [artddo.ca](http://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.

STAY IN SHAPE..... 😊 WITHOUT MUCH EFFORT.... by Derek Wills



### Some exercises that don't require physical effort . .

Beating around the bush...

Jumping to conclusions...

Climbing up the wall...

Swallowing your pride...

Passing the buck...

Throwing your weight around...

Dragging your heels...

Pushing your luck...

Making mountains out of molehills...

Hitting the nail on the head...

Wading through paperwork...

Bending over backwards...

Jumping on the bandwagon...

Balancing the books...

Running around in circles...

Eating crow...

Blowing your own horn...

Climbing the ladder of success...

Pulling out all the stops...

Adding fuel to the fire...

Opening a can of worms...

Putting your foot in your mouth...

Getting the ball rolling...

Going over the edge...

Picking up the pieces...

Whew! That is some workout! Now sit down and...

Exercise caution...

And above all, keep away from kicking the bucket! 😊



## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TIME – BY MARISKA SMEDING



This year my son and his family came to stay with us for a full week over the holidays. This has not happened for many years, so we decided to invite our whole family to reunite between Christmas and New Years. When our boys were small we were four rambunctious boys and us parents for quite a few years.

Our party was a wonderful gathering of all the "boys" and wife, girlfriends and extended family.

We also invited four men, friends of ours, who were alone around Christmas and New Year's time. It ended up being a great party with lots of chatting, catching up and laughs. Our granddaughter of almost two years old was a charm, being the centre of joy for us all.

I made "oliebollen" a traditional Dutch Beigne for this time of year, which our boys are crazy about. It was a big hit!!

After it all calmed down a few days later I was able to finish a painting I had started with our weekly ladies' group a few weeks prior. We get together once a week on Thursdays to paint and sketch and be social. Our gatherings are often in malls during winter and outdoors in summer.

My painting is a mixed media of collage, watercolours and gouache. It started with the middle piece, which I tore out of an art magazine. It inspired me to continue the theme and expand on it. I like the free-flow of the bodies, even the ones that I added. There is feeling of space in an undefined way, giving it lightness and a suggestion of connection between body, space and energy. There is more than the eye can see, we can only indicate and show the way...



<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

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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 <a href="http://www.artddo.ca">www.artddo.ca</a> ; 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	<u>Meeting Online</u>
24 February	TBD
31 March	Mariska Smeding – Bobby Bennett
28 April	Reisha Bennett – Bob Fields
Tuesday 26 May	Pot-luck dinner Everyone brings something!



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