



This photo of the Parrsboro Lighthouse, taken in late April shows signs of spring with a rainbow adding hope to one's feelings. Lawrence writes: we wait and hope for spring, but the signs are in the air (and sky) - Sunshine, Storm Clouds, rain and rainbows resulting in Spring delight in Parrsboro Harbour. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Oxford Poetry Winner Chosen

By Ruthie Patriquin

Poetry Month 2021 is over and the Oxford Poetry Committee is winding down for another year. In case you didn't see it on Facebook, Deborah Duffy was the winner of the Wild Blueberry Poetry Basket.

The Oxford Poetry committee will be looking for additional members this fall to plan for the April 2022 Poetry Festival.

If you think this might be a good fit for you, please reply to oxfordpoetryfestival@gmail.com. We won't start working on 2022 until Fall but we'd like to hear from you now if possible. Our goal is to make poetry accessible.

Through the festival, we want to provide venues for writers of poetry to share their work; for poetry lovers to be able to indulge their passion and for people who don't know yet if they enjoy poetry, to take a chance and experience it at one of our events.

The committee meets as needed, generally every 4 - 6 weeks (but not July and August) and

make ourselves available through email. We're looking for team players with various skills. Any or all of these would be helpful: good organizers, leadership skills, understanding of social media especially operating a Facebook page, interest in event marketing/promotion.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the 2020 and 2021 festivals have been virtual. In 2022, we hope to be able to offer community events as we did in 2018 and 2019. If that is the case, the festival would tentatively take place the last week in April. Please scroll through the photos and posts on our Facebook page to learn more about us.

The 2019 program will give you a good sense of the festival template: <https://www.facebook.com/PoetryAtLargeOxford/> We'll be checking this email weekly over the next month and less often after that, until Fall. Thanks for your interest and please stay safe.

Ruthie Patriquin, is a poetry committee member

June 17-20 Plein Air Festival Participants Named

By Bruce Lantz

The participants in this year's Parrsboro International Plein Air Festival - Atlantic Edition have been selected.

Twenty of Atlantic Canada's best plein air (outdoor painting) artists, comprised of eight invited returnees from last year's online-only event plus 12 others selected by a jurying process this year, will make their way to Parrsboro, NS for the June 17-20 event, painting some of the most picturesque scenes in Canada along the Minas Basin and Bay of Fundy shores.

Since 2017, Parrsboro Creative has annually attracted 30 artists from across North America, but last year, due to COVID-19, the event was changed to an online-only format. This year, again with the virus in mind, organizers determined to showcase the best artists from within the 'Atlantic Bubble'.

"We are thrilled with the quantity and quality of the submissions this year," said Jocelyn Li, Parrsboro Creative's executive director. "The jurors had to make some hard choices." Virus-related lockdown regulations may cause the event to

be rescheduled entirely.

Nova Scotian artists competing this year are: Sharon Fox Cranston, Lunenburg; Christopher Gorey, Ingonish; Anne Wedler and Gail Sutherland, Bedford; Andy MacLean, Kate Brown-Georgallas and Adam Tragakis, Antigonish; Susan Paterson, Dartmouth; Donald Pentz, Halifax; Joy Snihur Wyatt Laking, Bass River; Denise Lanterman, Fall River; Grant Lounsbury, Mcphersons Mills; Kim Aerts, Prospect; Michel Doucet, Weymouth; Oliver Hatton, Middle LaHave; Alexander Koltakov, Hubley; and Wesley Lowe, Bridgewater.

New Brunswick artists competing are: Simone Ritter and Theresa MacKnight, St. Andrews; and Louise Hicks, Sackville.

Participants be competing for cash and product prizes worth \$7,500, along with recognition as being among the best in their field and the opportunity to sell their work both on-site and online. Ian Muncaster, director of Zwicker's Gallery in Halifax, will be their judge, announcing the winners at a Gala and

Exhibition June 19 at 8 pm at The Hall in Parrsboro.

Li said it is only with the support of sponsors and supporters that Parrsboro Creative is able to host the event again this year. Visitors and artists are encouraged to visit the new home page for the plein air festival announcing the judge and artists: parrsborocreative.com/pipaf-atlantic.

For more information contact Jocelyn Li at 902-728-2007 or director@parrsborocreative.com

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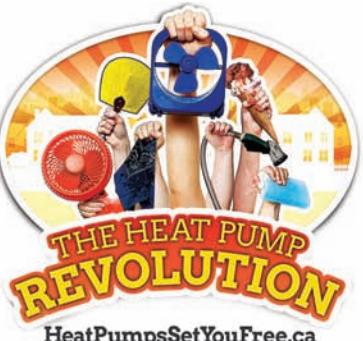
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By Deb Schulte is Canada's Minister of Seniors.

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