

President's Message

When I joined the PineRidge Arts Council in 1994 our entire membership was a mere 33, this totally volunteer administrated organization, through dedication, passion and a wide coverage of communication, has blossomed to an individual membership of over 350 with 70 group memberships which would encompass hundreds more people.

In 2010 we were very excited to open the SilverStone Gallery on Liverpool Road. Under the patronage of the Peterkin family and Gary Faulkner, our volunteer curator, our new Gallery will now be open into the year 2012.

What fun it has been to be a part of this artistic group of people and I look forward to even more exciting developments in the future. Here is a brief synopsis of what we have been up to over the past year.

Newspaper: Our run is 2700 and every two months we mail out approximately 1900 ArtScenes. Another 800 copies are distributed at various locations in Durham Region and beyond.

Website: Mary Cook is our Webmistress and does a fabulous job keeping our sites up to date and our members informed. Memberships and Juried Art Show entries can be made on-line. Check us out at www.pineridgearts.org and www.silverstone-gallery.org

Facebook: Allan O'Marra continues our presence on Facebook.

Activities During the Past Year:

- Organized our 12th Annual Juried Art Show at the McLean Community Centre in Ajax resulting in 223 entries. Our juror Didi Gadjanski chose 61 works to exhibit and we were able to present \$4,500 in awards to 20 winning artists in both adult and youth categories.
- Were also able to give thousands of dollars back to the community (over and above our Juried Art Show award money) by sponsoring member's projects and events – to name a few:
* Ajax Art Festival * Ajax "Best Seat" fundraiser * Ajax Creative Arts * Artfest on the Esplanade * Dunbarton-Fairport United Church * Durham Philharmonic Choir * Lemmon Sisters * Musicians Meagan Turner and Kevin Odorico * Northern Players * Oshawa Art Association * Pickering Museum Village Foundation Rubber Duckie RACE * Pickering Rotary Music Festival * Pickering Teen Art Show * St. Marguerite Bougeoys Catholic School Lunch Art Program * SilverStone Gallery * Station Gallery * Young Singers
- Partnered with the City of Pickering for the 14th annual Artfest on the Esplanade where we once again executed our popular hands-on youth event "Sculpting With An Artist".
- Art in Public Places exhibitions were regularly maintained at: * McLean Community Centre * Ontario Power Generation Information Centre * Reeds Florists * Dentistry on Liverpool * Body and Wellness Family Chiropractic Centre.

- Held another successful AGM/Arts Event at the Info Centre of Ontario Power Generation in Pickering, raising \$1,287 at our Silent Auction and \$560 from our Artful Draw raffle thanks to artwork donated by Maggie Burgess. We were able to exhibit 25 artists and our featured performers were the Lemmon Sisters and their accompanying musicians.
- Dorsey James and Susan Lindo instructed workshops at Ontario Power Generation's popular summer family programme Tuesdays on the Trail.
- Supplied judges for two City of Pickering art events: Dorsey James and Janice McHaffie for their Teen Art Exhibition and Robert Hinves, Sharon Steinhaus and Gwen Williams for their Student Creative Arts Contest.
- Worked with the Pickering Museum Village Foundation, demonstrating pumpkin carving at their Fall Family Festival.
- PineRidge Arts Council's nominee the Pickering Museum Village Foundation received the Community Group Civic Award from the City of Pickering.
- Partnered with the Durham West Arts Centre Foundation for their first public Open House at Pickering City Hall to present their feasibility study for a major Arts Centre.
- Under the patronage of the Peterkin family, we opened our new SilverStone Gallery on Liverpool Road in Pickering featuring artwork of various disciplines from the members of the PineRidge Arts Council.

We Wish to Thank:

- Ontario Power Generation, Pickering Nuclear for their generous hospitality in hosting our AGM venue and refreshments.
- The Soprano Seniors Steel Drum Band for being our featured AGM performers this year.
- The City of Pickering for our monthly meeting space at the Recreation Complex.
- The Town of Ajax for the use of the McLean Community Centre during our Juried Art Exhibition.
- The Peterkin family and the SilverStone Paddle Company (Dr. Sharon, Luke and Meredith) for their patronage, enabling us to open our new SilverStone Gallery.
- Gary Faulkner for curating the SilverStone Gallery.
- Our Art in Public Places exhibition venues.
- Our special donors, advertisers and sponsors who support PRAC throughout the year.
- Artist Peter Vangils for donating his "Windy Day" for our Artful Draw.
- Our hardworking executive, committee people and volunteers whose aforementioned dedication and passion make our Arts Council flourish.

Respectfully submitted,

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