

December 2017



Presidents Message

It has been a great couple of months with a gorgeous fall. We are looking forward to upcoming creative events.

If you have not participated in The Fill A Bowl, Paint Evenings, Choirs, Art Shows and other fundraisers I highly recommend coming out. They are enjoyable events for all ages and they are great gatherings. Have a look at our website or our Facebook to find out details for these events and other functions.

We wish you all the Best for the Christmas Holiday and we look forward to the year 2018.

Leah Hicks

Here is the best ways to find us:

www.facebook.com/smithsfallsarts

smithsfallsarts.wixsite.com/sfdacc

Art Journey News

By Deb Fortin, Executive Chair

Art Journey is a group of Smiths Falls and area Artists and Artisans who have joined forces to produce an annual Art Show and Sale.

This year's show took place on October 28th and 29th at the Memorial Centre on Cornelia Street in Smiths Falls.

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We had nineteen (19) artists and artisans showing a variety of art work; acrylic, watercolour and oil paintings; mixed media abstract, and fun & funky art; wood carving; pyrography; fused glass; pottery; and artisan jewellery showcasing lamp work glass, epoxy resin, fabric, and reclaimed/up-cycled copper. Live demos by some of our artists made the event interactive; plus we had live musical entertainment by guitarist/songster Eric Uren, which was graciously funded by the Town of Smiths Falls as part of the *On The Roll* live music series for Canada's 150 Celebrations.

A big Thank You to all our visitors and shoppers for their support of our artists by shopping locally. While we had a lovely number of visitors, we'd like to see that increase for future shows.

We are hoping to continue with our Art Show again next year, however, we need some new members to our executive team in order to produce another show.

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Two of our longest serving members stepped down to make time for other artistic pursuits. We need more ideas and helpers to bring our show to fruition. It doesn't take a lot of time nor do you need to be an expert in art. The more folks we have on the executive the less each of us has to do. Please consider volunteering and help support your local arts. We are hoping by filling the gaps we can assign roles based on the talents each member brings to the group.

Contact information is available on our website
<http://www.artjourneysmithsfalls.com>
Or our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/smithsfallsartjourney>

Joyce Brennan Award

On the evening of November 9th at the Vernissage for Heritage House Museums' Art Show opening the Smiths Falls and District Arts & Culture Council presented the Joyce Brennan Award to a very deserving candidate.

Joyce Brennan was one of the founding members of the Arts & Culture Council as well as a former Town Councilor and was very involved in the forming of two of the Museums in Town (Heritage House and the Rideau Canal Museum).

This year's recipient is Emily Duberville. Emily was a member of the Arts & Culture Council during the beginning years of the Council and has volunteered at the Station Theatre for many years. She has directed several plays, and pantos at the theatre. This year saw Emily writing and producing the play *Fort Hemlock* which was shown in August of this year.



Fill A Bowl

November 25th the Smiths Falls and District Arts & Culture Council held it's third *Fill A Bowl Fund-raiser*. This was held in partnership with LIP and with SFDCL.

All who attended enjoyed warm soup and breads which helped to take the chill of the air as it was a chilly but sunny day. The soups and breads were prepared by the students of the Hospitality Program at the High School with Chef Jeff being on hand to assist with the serving.



Leah Hicks and Chef Jeff

As in the past the bowls, which people were to keep



after trying the different soups, were made by local potters. However, for the first



time some of the bowls were done by the students at the High School.



Before leaving with their bowls, teacher Blake Seward, the official dish washer, cleaned the bowls and then gift wrapped them.

Thanks to all who helped out and attended, Mon-ies raised from events such as this goes towards programing as well as Bursary Funds that go to High School Students who are furthering their studies in the Arts & Culture Field either at Universities or Colleges.

We would also like to thank Landon Hicks for the music which was relaxing and very enjoyable.

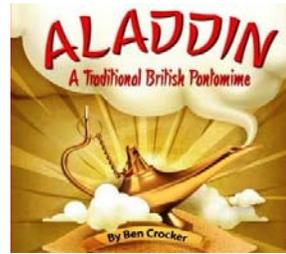


Landon Hicks



Station Theatre News

Upcoming Plays



December 8th - 17th

Aladdin – A Traditional British Panto

by Ben Crocker

*This production by arrangement with
Ben Crocker Pantomimes*

Discover an Aladdin's cave of adventure, laughs, fun and surprises at the traditional Christmas panto.

Help the hero save the day, boo and hiss at the baddy and cheer and clap the cast in this traditional family panto. It's a magical carpet ride you won't want to miss!



CADENCE - UNPLUGGED FRI, DEC 22ND 8PM

Four men, Four microphones, No instruments

The stage lights fall, the crowd goes quiet, and four harmonious voices rise up and fill the air. The melodies unfurl into something both familiar and fresh. What comes next may be a classic song by Joni Mitchell or Louis Prima. It may be an old be-bop standard or cheeky arrangement of a 1980s hit. But these are arrangements like you've never heard them before – containing all the richness of a full band, but performed using just four voices. This is Cadence, Canada's premiere vocal group. Based in Toronto, this a cappella ensemble has been wowing audiences across the country and around the world since 1998.



2018 Season

February 23rd - March 4th



We start our season with an 'American Farce' by the comedy master, Neil Simon. In upscale New York, the Deputy Mayor has just shot himself. Gathering for their tenth wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in his bedroom and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer, Ken, and wife Chris must get "the story" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

Presented by special arrangement with
SAMUEL FRENCH, INC. - Feb/Mar 2018

April 27th - May 6th



Our second show in the season is a classic story by Leonard Gershe, which was made into a hit movie starring Goldie Hawn. Young Don Baker, hero of his mother's children's book series 'Donny Dark' has been blind since birth, his overprotective mother following his every move. Don finally moves to his own apartment in Manhattan to pursue his song writing ambitions. When Mrs. Baker meets his kooky, sexy neighbor Jill, Mrs. Baker's controlling instincts go into overdrive with hilariously touching results.

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June 15th - 24th



COMEDY

With a title like this, and Norm Foster on the bill, you know you are in for big laughs and touching moments. James Bell, a big city guy, has his car break down in the rural community of Kooshog Lake and finds he's stuck there for the weekend. With nothing better to do, he gets to know the eccentric locals and enters the annual fishing contest. Along the way, James reconsiders what he really values as he discovers the best qualities of the strange community he is in.

Presented by special arrangement with GARY GODDARD AGENCY, INC. - June 2018

October 12th - 21st



MYSTERY

An announcement in the local paper states the time and place when a murder is to occur in Miss Blacklock's house. The victim is a stranger. What follows is a classic Christie puzzle of mixed motives, concealed identities, a second death, a determined Inspector following the twists and turns, and Miss Marple on hand to provide the final solution at some risk to herself in a dramatic confrontation just before the final curtain.

Presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC. - October 2018

August 17th - 26th



FAMILY

Our summer musical is based on a classic novel. Spoiled Mary Lennox is sent to England to live with her widowed uncle. Mary finds many secrets in the house, but the most captivating is the 'secret garden' that has been locked up for years. Although all are forbidden to enter the garden, Mary and her new friends Ben, the gardener and Dickon, work to bring the lonely garden back to life. Another mystery presents itself when Colin, a bedridden boy is found secluded away. Can Mary bring this sad family back together again?

Presented by special arrangement with YOUTH PLAYS, INC. - August 2018

December 7th - 16th



PANTO

We end our season with the classic story of Beauty and the Beast, with some hiccups along the way. This is a pantomime, after all! Discover the Beast's castle and watch adventurous Belle. The audience will fall in love with a fast talking French poodle! Laughs, fun and surprises at our traditional Christmas panto. Help our heroine save the day, boo and hiss our baddy and cheer and clap the cast in our traditional family Panto. Singing and dancing. It's a magical adventure you won't want to miss!

Presented by special arrangement with BEN CROCKER, INC. - December 2018

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**Movie weekends
return in
Jan 2018**



Beginning on the weekend of
January 19th and 20th

Chat Line

We are in the process of establishing a directory of all Artists and Artisans in the Smiths Falls and District area. If you would like to be included in the Directory please contact us through our web site www.smithsfallsarts.com



***Merry Christmas and a Very
Happy New Year to you all***

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