

Arts Centre Hastings

E-News



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Welcome to the first edition of Arts Centre Hastings E-Newsletter!

Welcome to the first edition of Arts Centre Hastings E-News! Our electronic newsletter is designed to keep you up to date on the exciting events at our new arts centre in Madoc, Ontario. At ACH, we are planning an ambitious program that has something for everyone including Musical Events, Visual Arts, Performance and Dance programming.

Our unique Centre is in itself, a work of art. As you'll see from our photos, Arts Centre Hastings not only looks different, it is different. From its straw bale walls, to its geothermal heat exchange system, to its radiant floor and 'living roof,' Arts Centre Hastings is an amazing feat of engineering, creativity and sustainability.

A volunteer committee manages the programs and events at the Centre. ACH Committee members, Teddy Ryan (Editor) and Jane Kidd (E-News Developer) will help us get our first edition of E-News to your computer.

So, join us in the months to come. Keep up to date with the Centre through our quarterly E-News and join us on Facebook and on our soon-to-be-launched, new website: www.artscentrehastings.ca. And, as a member of Friends of Arts Centre Hastings, you will be able to bring your support to our efforts. Memberships will be available at all events. So stay tuned, we look forward to hearing from you!

Jim Smith, Chair, Arts Centre Hastings

Where in the World is Madoc?

It's been called one of Eastern Ontario's best-kept secrets and those who live here agree. This community of about 2000 souls sits snugly north of Belleville on

Highway 62 and is just about midway between Toronto and Ottawa on Highway 7. Madoc is also said to have some of the most temperate weather in Southern Ontario.

This charming settlement is the escape that many seek in choosing a rural home. Surrounded by spectacular rolling hills, deep rocky creeks, and picture-perfect farmscapes, the village of Madoc inspires contentment.

Settled in the early 1800's, its growth was directly impacted by the discovery of gold at Ontario's first goldmine at nearby Eldorado. In the years that ensued, the Village of Madoc and the larger Township area continued to grow with an economy largely based on natural resources.

Today's residents of Madoc include those whose roots go a long way back, and many others who have more recently chosen to make Madoc their home. Among them are many visual and performing artists. And why not? Quaint old shops, up to date services and friendly people give Madoc residents reason to believe they are living in one of Canada's finest communities.

Arts Centre Hastings – The Real Deal in Sustainability

Arts Centre Hastings is a new state of the "arts" facility located in Madoc, Ontario, in the heart of Centre Hastings County. Its mission is to present and promote visual and performing arts in the County and nearby communities.

The new Centre is in the unique position to offer its audiences an incredible experience – the opportunity to enjoy music, dance, theatre, and literary and visual arts in a uniquely sustainable building that stimulates the senses. Those in the know, call it perhaps the most sustainable and unusual building in all of Canada.

Built in 2008 as a partnership between Peterborough area's Fleming College and the Municipality of Centre Hastings, the Arts Centre can legitimately boast of its uniqueness. Fleming College is the first and only College in North America to offer an innovative program in sustainable buildings, where practical application of theory results in a completed project. And what a project it's turned out to be.

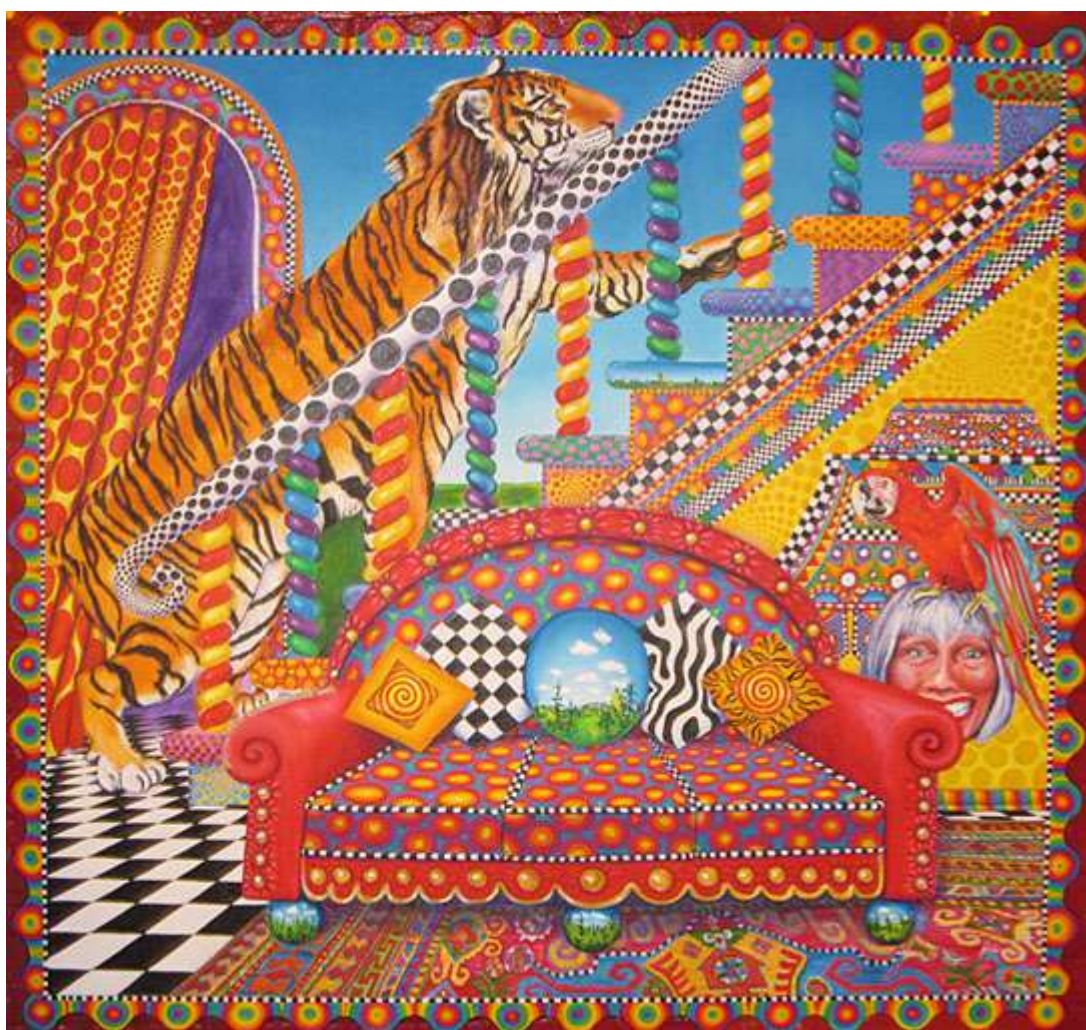
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A volunteer committee manages the Centre's activities. They plan, facilitate and host arts and cultural events and performances by creating partnerships with musicians and artists while offering a wide range of programming to the

community of Centre Hastings.

Arts Centre Hastings is now beginning its first full year of programming and promises to bring an exciting, energetic and eclectic range of events. Stay tuned!

Diane Woodward Art Exhibit Opens at the New Arts Centre Hastings



Pictures From the Painted House is artist, Diane Woodward's first public show in Madoc and the first visual arts show at the new Arts Centre.

Diane has lived in Madoc for more than 10 years and done more than just paint the house. She has had many exhibitions in Ottawa and Toronto, including Wild, featuring 100 of her huge, bright animal paintings at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

Woodward also works and travels as "Uma the Painter" painting pictures for altars in temples in India, Paradise Island, Bahamas and Northern Quebec.

Diane and her painted house have been featured on TV on "Weird Homes," "On the Road Again" with Wayne Ronstadt and "Regional Contact." Recently her work has been featured in the magazines: Capital Style, Ottawa City, Desi, Ottawa Magazine, Canadian House and Home, Ottawa Interiors and the Toronto Star's

Décor.

Pictures from the Painted House will fill the beautiful new Arts Centre with big, bright paintings of animals, people, gods and Ukrainian Easter eggs, small over the the top ornate paintings, sculpture made of reclaimed materials (in keeping with the building's spirit) some unique fine craft, Christmas ornaments and always, wiggle fish.

The Grand Opening took place on Friday, November 27th. The Show runs to Sunday, December 6th; the hours are as follows: Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday, 12 noon- 5:00 p.m. Friday (December 4th) 4p.m. to 8 p.m.

Pictures from the Painted House is open to the public, admission is free and school tours are welcome. For more information contact: Sarah Bowles, (613) 473-5265.

ACH Calendar of Events

- November 27th - December 6th: Diane Woodward Art Exhibit
- December 10th -10:00 am Teddy Bear Christmas for Moms, Dads & Tots
- December 10th – 6:00 pm Coffee House – Chris Burke
- December 11th – 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm Movie: Polar Express (free admission)
Sponsored by Centre Theatre, Trenton
- December 13th - Live Nativity Procession Starts 5:00 pm at Trinity United Church, proceeds to the Arts Centre
- December 17th 9:30 am, 12:30 pm Movie: Polar Express
- December 18th 9:30 am, 1:00 pm Movie: Polar Express

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