

wag ASSOCIATES



THE INSIDER WINTER 2022

MEMBER NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

It has been nearly two years since we have been able to gather at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Despite not being able to meet in person, the Associates dedication to the Gallery has been evident. We as a collective have been busy and can be very proud of our contributions to Qaumajuq, including the purchase of a shelf in the visible vault.

We have had 23 new members join us since the start of the pandemic, with 11 associates volunteering at the Gallery Ball, 5 associates delivering meals for the Gallery Ball, and 19 associates volunteering for Crafted. Thank you to Pat McCullough for keeping our records and statistics up to date, and thank you to Andrea Cibinel and Carol Elliason for their dedication and planning for membership recruitment and engagement.

Thank you to Jan Burns and the development committee for your hard work both last year and this year on the Amaryllis bulb sale fundraisers. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! Thank you also to everyone who purchased and/or sold bulbs.

The Art-in-Bloom sub-committees have been hard at work planning for this exciting event to take place April 1-3, 2022. Thank you to Esme Scarlett and Andrea Cibinel for not only leading this exciting fundraiser, but for also ensuring that we have some fun while we are preparing for this exciting event!

The travel tour committee has been hard at work and is pleased to report that they will be hosting a trip to Egypt and a post trip to Jordan November 3-18, 2022. Thanks to Bill and Sherry Glanville and the committee for planning an exciting adventure for the participants.

In November, we participated in an online Board of Governors workshop presented by Albert McLeod and Julia Lafreniere entitled *2 Spirited Resurgence in the 21st Century*. In preparation for the workshop, we were instructed to watch the National Film Board presentation *Second Stories - Our Place in the Circle*, as well as review the National Action Plan for SLGBTQQIA+. Both the film and the National Action Plan are available online. Also in November, we attended the Manitoba Philanthropy Awards on behalf of the Associates. This is the Association that recognized the Associates contributions to philanthropy in 2019. This group recognizes the outstanding charitable work throughout the province. This year's recipients were: Divya Sharma - Youth in Philanthropy, St. Boniface-St. Vital Kiwanis - Outstanding Philanthropic Group, Michelle Gasse- Emerging Leader in Philanthropy, Larry McIntosh- Outstanding Philanthropist, Bison Transport-Outstanding Corporation, Garth Manness- Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser.

Esme Scarlett & Edie Wilde
Co-Chairs of the Associates

MEMBERSHIP

The Associates of the Winnipeg Art Gallery currently have 109 members. Despite the pandemic slowing us down in many ways, and after losing many valued Lasting Legacy members, we are pleased to say that 15 new members have joined the Associates this year.

Welcome to:

Kevin Chipman	Ritza Lambos
Suzanne Du Plooy	Lise Poirier
Donnie Fridfinnson	Char Rempel
Cynthia Gyles	Donni Stern
Angela Jagnyziak	Florence Van Dijk
Marla Klassen	Natalie Fuhr
Tiffany Kohinski	Susan Boulter
Dominique Kyle	

Andrea Cibinel & Carol Eliasson

Membership Co-Chairs



Images

Associates meeting at
Qaumajuq in November
of 2021

HONOURING THE PAST

We want to also take a moment to honour these longtime members that have passed this year:

Margaret Morse, a member since 1956

Margaret joined the Associates in 1956 & was later honoured with a Life Membership. Her support for the WAG & the Associates never waned. In 1962, Margaret co-chaired the "Eighth Winnipeg show" at the WAG; a prestigious juried Canadian Art Exhibition. She served as President of the Associates from 1964-1966. In 1970, for the Centenary of Manitoba, Margaret chaired a "Centennial Exhibition Committee". Her participation and presence at WAG events are legendary. In 2020, Margaret received the Order of Manitoba and in 2021 Margaret was included in the Manitoba 150 Women Trailblazers.

Mardie Law, a member since 1971

Mardie joined the Associates in 1971 and generously offered her time and skills, with an infectious smile, in so many ways. She served on the Associates Board as Recording Secretary in the 1980s and dedicated many hours to Art Rental and Sales. She served as Personnel Chair for a Festival of Art & Food event. For the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Associates, Mardie served on a Committee, which produced a special calendar to mark the occasion. Mardie was an avid supporter of the Associates Travel Tours and particularly enjoyed her trips to Tuscany and Spain.

Frances Settler, a member since 1988

Frances joined the Associates in 1988. She was a staunch supporter of the Arts, in all its' forms. Her Family described her as "energetic, sharp, inquisitive and ageless". Her "specialty" at the WAG was her devoted efforts at Art Rental and Sales, a dedicated project of the Associates. In that capacity, she "opened herself to art, purely for the love of it".

Submitted by Elaine Margolis

"I feel so honoured to have known these extraordinary women, who are all memorable in the history of the WAG & the Associates."

VOLUNTEERISM

Associates have been very active volunteering this fall for the Qaumajuq Ball, Crafted, the Gallery Shop and the Amaryllis Bulb Fundraiser.

Pat McCullough plans to send out the schedule for volunteers for Art in Bloom in the coming weeks. This is our major fundraiser and we will need all the help we can get, both from Associates and our friends.

Thanks to all our volunteers, and we look forward to working together closely in the new year!

Pat McCullough

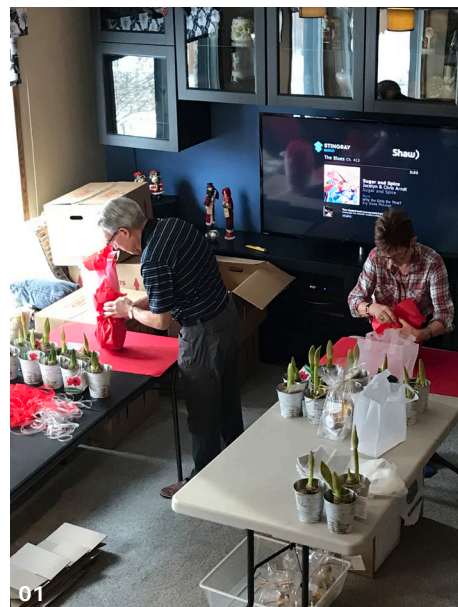
Volunteer Chair

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee carried out a successful Amaryllis Fundraiser for the second year in a year. This year, the event participants Petals West and Flour and Flower provided excellent products to the package. Pick-up of the Amaryllis bulbs took place on December 3rd at the WAG. Thank you to the many Associates who responded to the request for help on this date. Thank you also to the incredible staff at the WAG for their support of this fundraiser.

Images

- 01 How to turn a living room into a packaging facility
- 02 Amaryllis bulb pick-up at the WAG
- 03 Package by Flour and Flower



Jan Burns & Helen Ritchot

Development Committee Co-Chairs

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee held two in-person events at the WAG, our first in many months. On November 29, before the Associates Executive meeting, Rachel Baerg, head of Learning and Programs, led our Associates group on an outstanding tour of Qaumajuq. The tour focused on the Visible Vault and the entrance to *Inua*.

On December 3, our group enjoyed an excellent guided tour of *Inua*, the inaugural exhibition of Quamajuq, and *Naadohbij, To Draw Water*, led by Colleen Leduc, Learning & Programs Coordinator. Everyone appreciated the excitement of being together in this beautiful space. We expanded on the tour with an Online Link that featured the eye-catching painting, *Water Song*, in the beadwork style by Métis artist Christi Belcourt.

We look forward to having other educational events once we return to on-site gatherings. The next one will be a tour by Rachel Baerg of the Cliff Eyland exhibition, which opens January 22, 2022, once we can meet in person again.



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- 01 Tour of *To Draw Water* led by Colleen Leduc
- 02 Tour of the Visible Vault led by Rachel Baerg
- 03 Tour of *To Draw Water* led by Colleen Leduc
- 04 Tour of *To Draw Water* led by Colleen Leduc

Jody Reaburn & Pat Forsythe
Education Co-Chairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE: ART IN BLOOM 2022

With planning well underway, the Associates are pleased to say that Art in Bloom will take place from **April 1-3, 2022**. The preview party will be held March 31st. If you are interested in volunteering and have not yet signed up, please contact Pat McCullough (mccullough.pat@gmail.com) to do so.

On December 6, our Art in Bloom Committee held a Holiday Floral Workshop where participants created their own holiday floral arrangements for the holidays. The workshop was led by our Art in Bloom Workshop Co-Chairs Julie Meyers of Floral Fixx and Day Scarlett.



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Participants of the
Holiday Floral Workshop

TRAVEL TOURS UPDATE

For the last year and a half, the Travel Tour Committee has been monitoring the various factors affecting the resumption of domestic and international travel. With the gradual relaxation of some restrictions and the roll-out of vaccinations worldwide, the Committee decided to actively plan to restart the Travel Tour Program in 2022.

To this end, discussions with Worldwide Quest led to the finalization of an itinerary for a trip to Egypt and Jordan in November 2022. The brochure describing this trip was sent to all Associates and recent tour participants on November 6. Within a week most spots were confirmed; by early the next week, the trip was full, and a waiting list has been established.

The Committee is still working on assessing the feasibility of potential Canadian destinations in 2022 and 2023.



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- 01 Petra, Jordan
- 02 Cairo, Egypt

Bill Glanville

Chair, Travel Tour Committee

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