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75th Anniversary of
The Associates

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welcome

The Insider - Spring 2024

by Esme Scarlett and Jan Burns
Co-Chairs of the Associates

The past 12 months have been filled with many events that celebrated the 75 years since the Associates' creation. As Associates today we are very proud of our history and the many contributions we have made to the WAG-Q over the years; developing the Art to the Schools program, creating the WAG-Q Gift Shop, creating the Clara Lander library, developing the Travel Tours and supporting many acquisitions and exhibitions.

As we look to our 2024 activities especially Art in Bloom, April 18-21, we continue to strengthen our relationship with WAG-Qaumajuq, the staff and with each other.

Many thanks to the Associates and WAG-Q staff who contribute to making this organization a success.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Art in Bloom.

Pictured below are Associates who have volunteered between 11-60 years. There were many more that were not able to attend on November 30th and we thank them for their contributions.



Back Row L to R: Adele Wortzman, Esme Scarlett, Judith Hall, Sue Irving, Jose Koes, Lin Milne, Pat McCullough, Bill Glanville.

Front Row L to R: Sherry Glanville, Betty Anne Hershfield, Elaine Margolis, Vicki Wilson, Erica McLaughlin, Lila Goodspeed Everett

celebrating

the associates 75th anniversary 1948 to 2023

by Sherry Glanville, *Past Chair*



The 75th Anniversary was celebrated to honour the Associates for their fundraising, volunteerism and outreach into the community in support of WAG-Q. A series of four different events took place throughout the year.



First, a presentation was made by Pat Bovey, former Director of WAG-Q and retired Senator, on her new book "Western Voices in Canadian Art" on May 25/23. Dr. Stephen Borys gave welcoming remarks. Over 150 people attended and 37 books were sold through the Shop. Pat gave special recognition, citing significant historical achievements of the Associates over past decades.



On June 13, a rooftop Jazz concert was arranged by the WAG-Q Development Committee at which Dr. Stephen Borys recognized the importance of the Associates to the Gallery.



On October 1, Dr. Stephen Borys and his wife, Hazel Mouzon Borys, invited the Associates and other guests to an afternoon “tea” in their new home at 240 Tache Avenue in honour of the Associates’ 75 years of extraordinary service to WAG-Qaumajuq, the arts, and audiences in Manitoba. The art work, “The Boy In The Tree (Not Coming Down)” 2018, by Stephen and Hazel Lack was presented by Stephen from the family’s personal collection in honour of our 75th Anniversary.



Finally, on November 30 a Gallery-hosted Reception was held in the Skylight Gallery. The program included recognition of senior Associates who joined from 1950-2003. Stephen presented a white rose to each of these Associates. A self-guided art tour followed. A selection of art works from the Permanent Collection purchased by the Associates over the past seven decades was identified in various Galleries. A beautiful souvenir brochure was created to commemorate the 75th Anniversary.



thank you

Thank you to a very special Associate, Tannis Richardson. Tannis joined WAG-Q in 1950 and is still involved 73+ years later.



Lasting Legacy Outcomes

New ways of raising the profile of the Associates both within the WAG-Q community and general public to encourage recruitment and engagement was a key element of the 75th legacy year. Lorraine Prokopchuk is the Project Lead in working with WAG-Q staff to accomplish this goal incorporating a digital presence at the Gallery.

Also, a **Legacy Committee** of the Associates' Executive was established. The goals are three-fold:

- To be the memory keepers (*past*),
- keep files and photos of activities and events (*present*) and
- work to ensure the Associates continue (*future*).

All interested Associates are welcome to participate in this important Committee.



In 2023, we celebrated some past achievements of the Associates with wonderful events. In 2024 and onward, we are excited about future endeavors in partnership with WAG-Q.



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ART^{IN} BLOOM

April 19 - 21 by Jan Burns, *Art in Bloom Chair*

“Spring Fling” Preview Party

**April 18
7 to 9:30pm
Main Hall**



Tickets for the “Spring Fling” are \$100 and should be available starting the last week of February. Check the WAG-Q website for information.



Floral workshops are back again in 2024! Check the WAG-Q website at the end of February.

The Associates of the WAG-Q are thrilled to present Art in Bloom 2024 and offer an inspiring space where the community can come together in springtime to celebrate art, design, colour, fragrance, and flowers. An incredible 94 interpretations with 109 interpreters are yours to explore thanks to the generosity and creativity of professional and non-professional florists in our community.



The artworks selected for interpretation represent 15th to 21st century pieces highlighting the outstanding collection of WAG-Qaumajuq. After the event, Floral Philanthropy, in partnership with CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, will distribute flower arrangements to healthcare centres, personal care homes, and hospitals throughout the city to bring a taste of spring to our neighbours. We are especially grateful to our committee, the floral interpreters, WAG-Q staff, and the many volunteer Associates who have generously given their time, talent, and commitment to make the dream of Art in Bloom 2024 a reality!

development report

Thanks to all for
supporting our events!

by Florence Van Dijk and Lorraine Prokopchuk
Co-chairs Development



Friendraiser

A very successful December Friendraiser event saw 44 Associates and guests participate in a flower arranging workshop, hosted by Julie Myers of Floral Fixx. It was a wonderful evening of laughter, learning, creativity and treats!



Blooms 4 Art Raffle

The Blooms 4Art online draw for the raffle took place on Dec 15, 2023. The lucky winners are: 1st Prize- Cheryl Kapitz, 2nd Prize- our very own Jan Burns, and 3rd Prize- Doris Lemon.

membership update

by Pat McCullough

Winnipeg Art Gallery Associates Volunteer Chair/Membership Co-Chair

Welcome to the following new members who have joined the Associates since May of 2023:

Selena Alleyna
Della Beattie
Yutta Fricke
Jihan Hosein

Brydget Lewicki
Maddie Lischka
Lena Litvinova
Deborah MacAuley

Lois MacDonald
Janet Shaw-Russell
Liam Swanlund
Anita Thiessen



education report

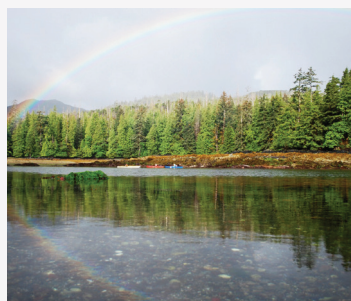
Some of the Associates enjoying a tour inside the Visible Vault and where all the additional art works are stored.



travel tour report

by Bill Glanville
Chair, Travel Tour Committee

There are two Travel Tours planned to take place in 2024.



The first is a six-day trip to Haida Gwaii on June 11 to 16, 2024. Highlights include learning about the culture and way of life of the Haida people, an excursion to the ancient village of Skedans to meet Haida Watchmen who serve as guardians of the heritage of the village, and exploration of Masset and Naikoon Provincial Park in the north of Graham Island. This trip is sold out, but names are still being taken on a wait list. Sue Irving and Carol Eliasson are the Associates hosts for this trip.

The second is a Bespoke Experience in Montreal and Quebec City on October 21 to 26, 2024. This trip is designed as an art/architecture experience for members of the WAG Collectors Circle. The group will be exploring public and private collections, architecture, and great food with Dr. Stephen Borys. Work to finalize the detailed itinerary is progressing. Edie Wilde is the Associates host for this trip.



stay tuned

for 2025 Travel Tour news...

“ Life is short and the world is wide ”



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