

ARTISTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY TO HOLD AN EXHIBITION AT KAGS IN 2018.

The Kawartha Artists Gallery & Studio (KAGS) is an artists' cooperative located in Peterborough. We are in the process of establishing our **Shows Schedule for 2018**. We present 2 general categories of shows – those open to all our members and “rental shows”. In this latter category an individual artist or a group rent our gallery area to stage their own show. Three of these exhibition timeslots are still available. **They are MARCH 14 – 25, JUNE 2 – 17, AND SEPT. 12 – 23, 2018.**

Starting this month, between August 12 and September 10, we are accepting applications from artists in Peterborough and the surrounding area who would like to hold an exhibit at our gallery in 2018. KAGS members as well as non-members may apply. All will have equal consideration. Please read the information below to help you decide whether or not you wish to apply.

Exhibition times

Gallery exhibitions are open to the public 5 days of the week - from Wednesday to Sunday, 1- 4 pm. However, you can have your exhibition open for additional days or hours during the 2-week rental period.

Rental Time Period and Rental Fees

The rental period is 2 weeks. The rental period starts on a Monday and runs until Sunday of the second week. Exhibitors normally use the Monday (full day) and Tuesday afternoon to set up their show. (Access to the studio and kitchen is very restricted on Tues. and Wed. mornings.) The show opens on Wednesday afternoon and on Sunday the exhibitors hold their opening reception.

The Opening Reception for our next show, Faces & Figures, will be held on Sunday Aug. 20. Please drop in to meet the artists, view the artwork and check out our facilities.

Established Members pay a **reduced rental fee of \$175**. This reduced fee applies only to those who have been members for at least 12 months prior to the date of their show.

Individuals or groups who do not qualify for this reduction pay the regular fee of **\$225**.

Renters' responsibilities:

You are renting the gallery facilities – no additional services. We are a non-profit cooperative with no permanent staff which means we cannot provide “gallery-sitters” or assistance with hanging and managing the show.

You are responsible for producing your own show invitations and posters. The gallery will ensure that our members and the public are aware of your show

through an email announcement and postings on our website. We can also assist you to take advantage of newspaper coverage.

The application process

It is in your best interest to send in a formal and detailed application.

Please state your name, contact information and the size of your group. Include a description of the type of artwork you intend to display and your proposed show theme.

Please also provide an artist's statement and a couple of images of your work. Groups may send in a "group statement" but please limit the number of images. (Emails that have more than 3 images attached sometimes fail to reach their destination.)

Please list the 2 rental time periods you prefer and indicate your first and second choice.

Applications must reach me by Sept 10th to be considered. I will acknowledge each application within a few days of receiving it. All requests will be reviewed by members of the executive. We hope to make final decisions in the 2 weeks following the closing date.

Applications should be directed to Marilyn Simpson, Scheduling of Shows. Email applications are preferred but you can send in a paper copy. Emails should be sent to showscheduling@kawarthaartists.org

The gallery address is: Kawartha Artists' Gallery & Studio. 420 O'Connell Rd., Peterborough ON K9J 4C9. If you send in a paper copy, please alert me through the gallery phone number: 705-741-2817.

KAGS website: www.kawarthaartists.org

KAGS email: kags@nexicom.net

We hope you will share this message with other area artists who might be interested in this opportunity. It will also be posted on our website.

Marilyn Simpson