

Charity invites donations of previously owned art

Guelph, ON – January 25, 2021 – Guelph Arts Council is inviting people to donate original art for its annual **Collector’s Dilemma** fundraiser.

The auction moved online in 2020 and will go online again this year from May 6-20. It depends on donations of art from collectors for its success. The money raised goes to GAC to help support local artists and arts organizations.

Laurel McKellar, vice-president of GAC’s volunteer board of directors, explains how Collector’s Dilemma is unique: “This a different kind of fundraising auction because we don’t ask artists to donate work. We ask people who have art they purchased in the past and enjoyed, but no longer have space for. It could be a business that is changing up their office space, or a collector who is moving, downsizing or redecorating, or anyone who recently bought or received new art and needs space.” GAC welcomes donations of original works or numbered prints. Donors get a tax receipt for the full selling price of the donated artwork.

Laurel adds: “This is such a unique opportunity. It’s always fun to see what art treasures people have in their collections that are just waiting for a new home.”

Pandemic shutdowns have been especially hard on artists, musicians, performers, and arts organizations. GAC has been working to help them find new ways to reach their audiences and rebuild income. In 2021, GAC is building a new accessible and collaborative digital cultural hub for Guelph and Wellington County. It will help creative workers grow their sales and it will improve access to resources for a diverse community of artists. Funds raised at the Collector’s Dilemma auction will help support this work.

For more information on Collector’s Dilemma, or to offer art for donation please email guelphartsevents@gmail.com.

About Guelph Arts Council:

For 45 years, Guelph Arts Council has been dedicated to supporting, stimulating and promoting arts and culture in Guelph. GAC is funded in part by **The Guelph Community Foundation** and the **City of Guelph**. We also acknowledge the support of the **Ontario Arts Council**, an agency of the Government of Ontario.

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