

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Returning Drip Mural and Augmented Reality Artists Prepare to Launch Growing Wild Exhibition Part of the Northumberland Festival of the Arts this exhibition will immerse viewers within a digital space.**

**COBOURG, ON (Monday, September 12, 2022)** – The [Art Gallery of Northumberland](#) (AGN) is pleased to host *Growing Wild*, an exhibition consisting of an 8 x 12 foot mural painted on-site, an Augmented Reality (AR) project expanding on the mural, and three paintings on canvas with returning artist duo [Amy Shackleton](#) and Julian Brown.

As part of the [Northumberland Festival of the Arts](#) (NFOTA), the exhibition will run from Tuesday, September 13 – October 15, 2022, at the Art Gallery of Northumberland with a Cup of Conversation artist talk on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Previously, the Art Gallery of Northumberland hosted the *Playing with Fire and Ice* exhibition with Shackleton and Brown. *Growing Wild* will explore the aftermath of that exhibit with viewers being immersed in an environment where urban and wild collide in search of growth. New growth sprouts between burnt trees. Melting glaciers flow over buildings. Seemingly calm pools of water are contained by city streets.

“By combining these visual elements into imagined landscapes, the work asks pressing questions about our future,” said mural artist Amy Shackleton. Julian Brown, digital artist adds: “How will we adapt and grow in the face of rising temperatures and water levels? What is truly at stake as our climate changes—the planet or humanity?”

Using new LiDAR technology, viewers can look through a provided tablet to become immersed within a digitally-flooded exhibition space. With new 3D forms emerging from the painted mural, the viewer can explore the room to experience the AR artwork from any angle.

#### **Live Mural Painting and Augmented Reality Schedule**

As part of the programming for the NFOTA, visitors are welcome to come and watch both Shackleton and Brown at-work while the mural is painted, and the Augmented Reality components are completed.

- Friday, September 16, NFOTA Opening Reception and Ceremony: 6 – 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 21: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Friday, September 23: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 27: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Thursday, September 29: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#### **More Information on the Growing Wild Exhibition**

- Exhibition Dates: September 13-October 15, 2022.
- Cup of Conversation Artist Talk: Saturday, October 1, 2022.
- Works: 8x12’ mural, Augmented Reality, and canvas paintings
- This is a free event for all ages.



### **Visit the Art Gallery of Northumberland**

As Northumberland County's largest public art gallery, the Art Gallery of Northumberland (AGN) plays a leading role on local, regional, and national stages through exceptional exhibitions, programs, and collaborations. It strives to be an inspiring institution that serves as an educational resource, a hub of artistic and cultural energies for local citizens, and a tourist attraction for all audiences.

For more information about the Art Gallery of Northumberland or to arrange a time to visit, visit [artgalleryofnorthumberland.com](http://artgalleryofnorthumberland.com), or call 905-372-0333. Be sure to also follow the AGN on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for the latest exhibitions and gallery news.

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### **About the Art Gallery of Northumberland**

The mandate of the Art Gallery of Northumberland (AGN) is to promote and provide access to art and related programs as a community gallery for the enjoyment and education of the people of Northumberland County. The AGN exists to serve all of Northumberland County as a public gallery. We present intellectually stimulating exhibitions and programming, as well as maintain a permanent collection of visual arts. Along with exhibitions we fulfill our mandate through educational activities which encourage active dialogue between the Gallery audience and the visual arts; including lectures, films, workshops, artist talks and tours.