

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Art Gallery of Northumberland Hosts Ontario Society of Artists 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition** *Province-wide exhibition explores the natural environment with 55 works from OSA members.*

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**COBOURG, ON (Tuesday, September 6, 2022)** – The Art Gallery of Northumberland (AGN) is pleased to host *Ambient Landscapes*, the [Ontario Society of Artists](#) (OSA) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibition under the theme *Breath, Heart and Spirit* which unites the year long celebrations.

The exhibition will run from September 10 – October 16, 2022, at the Art Gallery of Northumberland with an Opening Celebration on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 1 p.m. Co-curated by Olinda Casimiro, Executive Director of the Art Gallery of Northumberland and Anne Cavanagh, award-winning artist, and former Director of the OSA, this member exhibition features 55 works providing a variety of media, size, and styles within the OSA. For this exhibition members considered the theme of ambient landscapes reflecting upon the natural environment.

“We are delighted to host the Ontario Society of Artists’ 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibition where viewers are challenged to spend time contemplating both an expression of the traditional and contemporary forms of landscapes,” said Olinda Casimiro, Executive Director of the Art Gallery of Northumberland. “A strong connection to nature is part of the OSA legacy from the Group of Seven.”

Landscape, or the depiction of natural scenery like mountains, valley’s, vista, trees, and forests, appeared in art first as a background to figures and narrative painting and then eventually as its own stand-alone subject. Landscapes may be extremely detailed and realistic or be the most subtle and abstract and can depict actual or imaginary places. In this exhibition, some OSA members chose to focus on perception such as light, shadow, texture and movement, others sculptural and figurative all with ambient landscapes in mind.

“We wish to congratulate the OSA on their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for inviting the AGN to partner and host this celebratory exhibition,” said Co-Curator Anne Cavanagh. “Lastly, thank you to the OSA artists who were patient with our process, and participated from across Ontario, we wish you continued success in your artistic endeavours.”

#### **Participating Artists and Works**

For a complete list of participating artists and works please visit the Art Gallery of Northumberland’s website ([artgalleryofnorthumberland.ca](http://artgalleryofnorthumberland.ca)).

#### **More Information on the OSA 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition**

- Name of Exhibition: Ambient Landscapes
- Exhibition Dates: September 10-October 16, 2022.
- Opening Celebration: Saturday, September 10, 2022.
- Works: Featuring 55 works in a variety of media, size, and styles.
- 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 Ontario Society of Artists**

The Ontario Society of Artists was established in 1872 and is a group of over 300 professional visual artists working in all media, living in every corner of Ontario. They represent the diverse backgrounds and cultures of this province. The earliest members of the OSA, aware of the need, played an important role in creating the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Ontario College of Art, and several other smaller art societies. They are engaged in providing exhibitions for emerging artists and can reach out to the large provincial population through a vibrant social media presence.

### **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.