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Art Gallery of Northumberland Recognizes Funding Contributing to Cultural Investments ***Gallery will re-open to the public with new flooring providing a more accessible and barrier free space.***

COBOURG, ON (Sunday, November 12, 2022) – Yesterday, the [Art Gallery of Northumberland](#) (AGN) recognized the [Ontario Trillium Foundation](#) (OTF) as well as several donors who contributed towards major cultural investments.

During the event, a representative for the Honourable David Piccini, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South spoke to the \$46,500 *Community Building Fund* grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) that was used to advance programming opportunities, create a promotional video to extend the gallery's reach, and to assist in the digitalization of over 200 art works from the gallery's permanent collection.

"As we celebrate the re-opening of the Art Gallery of Northumberland, I would like to thank all the hard-working staff and volunteers who make this a cultural attraction to people across Northumberland, and across the province," said MPP David Piccini. "This funding from the Government of Ontario will ensure that the gallery can modernize its facility, while continuing to fulfill its mandate of serving the people of Northumberland."

In addition to the funding provided by the Province of Ontario, the AGN also revealed its new hardwood floors, a major cultural investment providing a more accessible and barrier free environment. Due to the success of the *Restore the Floor* campaign, the Canadian maple hardwood floors replaced carpet and tile that was installed in 1988, over 34 years ago. The campaign and the passion for arts and culture within Northumberland County is a testament to the community who made this happen.

"After a month of construction, we are ready to reopen our gallery doors and welcome the community to a rejuvenated, restored and more accessible space for all," said Olinda Casimiro, Executive Director for the Art Gallery of Northumberland. "I would like to thank our donors who contributed to our *Restore the Floor* campaign and welcome artists, partners and the public to come and see our space."

The gallery is used to host a variety of exhibitions, private events, fundraisers, and celebrations. And thanks to the funds received through the *Restore the Floor* campaign and the \$46,500 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, people of all abilities and ages will be better able to access the gallery space and its programming opportunities.

The Art Gallery of Northumberland is committed to providing a variety of arts education programs and activities for all ages and to ensuring that it remains accessible. The gallery will re-open to the public on November 15, 2022.

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About the Ontario Trillium Foundation

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario. As an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations, last year, OTF invested nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of

Ontario's Community Building Fund. Since 2020, OTF has supported Ontario's economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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.

For more information about the Art Gallery of Northumberland or to arrange a time to visit, visit 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.