



114 MEMBERS

18 PROGRAMS:
CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



214 PARTICIPANTS
14 HIRED ARTISTS



6 WEEKS OF
SUMMER ART CAMP



COMMUNITY
CREATIONS



AT HOME GALLERY
TOURS



80+
ART SUPPLIES SOLD



30+ HOLIDAY
CARDS SOLD



200+ NEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIBERS



400+ SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS



MISSION

Franklin Carmichael Art Group is a charitable organization founded by the late Dr. Ann Curtin whose mission is to provide visual art opportunities in North Etobicoke.

MANDATE

Membership opportunities

Space to provide an inspiring and encouraging environment for creativity

Art education for children, youth and adults (classes, workshops and camps)

Exhibition opportunities for local artists (juried, curated and sales)

Art-focused community events

HISTORY

Franklin Carmichael Art Group is a resident group of Franklin Carmichael Art Centre. The Centre was the former home of Dr. Agnes Ann Curtin. An accomplished artist herself, Dr. Curtin dreamed her home would become a centre for the arts in North Etobicoke. Franklin Carmichael Art Group became a charitable organization in 1994. A working Board of Directors governs the Group. The organization conducts affairs per the *By-Laws of Franklin Carmichael Art Group, Revised 2009*.

Registered charity: #88950-9667-RR0001

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2020-21 has been a challenging year for everyone, but, for Arts organizations. I would like to thank all the Board members, but especially the past president, Claudia Di Nucci, for their help and support this past year. With Ms. Di Nucci's technical expertise and general knowledge of all things related to FCAG, we managed to provide visual arts programming and receive grant funds to survive during Covid.

When the City of Toronto locked down for the second time in December 2020, we cancelled our winter in-person classes and workshops but were able to provide virtual instruction. This provided members and teachers alike the opportunity to develop online teaching/learning skills and help FCAG financially. We wish to thank our instructors for stepping up and freely offering their time.

We also made a call out to our members to assist us by donating to FCAG either directly to our office or via Canada Helps, our online fundraising option. We wish to thank all our members who donated during our time of need. This positive experience encouraged us to provide virtual spring classes when Covid restrictions persisted into April. Although the classes were undersubscribed, we offered them in gratitude to our teachers and the participants who were eager to paint.

To assist FCAG during Covid, we received much needed grants from the provincial government to help us pay operating expenses. Both the provincial and federal governments provided additional funding to pay summer staff salaries 2020. As a result, we were able to provide live virtual art instructions to children ages 8 to 12 throughout North Etobicoke. Our Summer Art Camp programme received good positive feedback and we look forward to continuing in-person Summer Art Camp next year.

In addition, we were very happy to receive a Toronto Arts Council (TAC) grant. However, we were informed that in future, the funding model would be changing. Like many other grant providers, the TAC will only be providing grants to organisations that articulate specific project proposals.

This past year was a great success and enjoyed by all participants. With increased vaccination numbers and the introduction of vaccine passports, we were ready to offer in-person classes.

I, together with all the Board members and teachers, would encourage all our members to renew their membership and participate in classes throughout the entire year. This is the only way we can guarantee our presence in the community. If you have any time or are interested in seeing us continue as a community arts organization, please do not hesitate to get involved on a committee or become a Board member. We need a variety of people who can help us operate this arts organisation. Your expertise is our strength! Please come volunteer to help or get involved and tell your friends about us!

PROGRAMS**Classes and Workshops - VIRTUAL**

Watercolour Painting (Beginning/Intermediate)
 Watercolour Painting (Intermediate)
 Oil/Acrylic Painting (Beginning/Intermediate)
 Oil/Acrylic Painting (Intermediate/Advanced)
 Red Barn Watercolour Workshop
 Mixed Media Workshop
 Opaque Watercolour Technique Workshop
 Winter Brook Snow Scene - Oil/Acrylic Workshop
 Introduction to Drawing Workshop
 Watercolour Workshop
 Oil/Acrylic Painting Workshop

Classes and Workshops - IN-PERSON

Watercolour Painting (Intermediate)
 Oil/Acrylic Painting (Beginning/Intermediate)
 Oil/Acrylic Painting (Intermediate/Advanced)
 Plein Air
 Open Studio
 Drawing with the Figure
 Pastel and Plein Air Technique Workshop

	Offered	Facilitated	Participants
Summer 2020	0	0	0
Summer Art Camp	6 weeks	6 weeks	105
Fall Session 2020	8	6	51
Winter Session 2021	5	5	25
Spring Session 2021	8	8	33
TOTAL	27	25	214

GALLERY**At-Home Gallery Tour**

Location: online
 Date: August-September 2020
 Description: Featuring the at-home galleries of our summer staff as they take us on a virtual tour - encouraging viewers to explore art at home.
 Artists: Sheryl Ali, Alicia James, Maria Fiat

Digital Youth Exhibit

Location: online
 Date: September 2020
 Description: Celebrating the amazing talents of our camp participants.
 Artists: 15

Curtin Park Murals

Location: Franklin Carmichael Art Centre
 Date: October 2020
 Description: Murals designed and painted by our summer staff, located outside the log house
 Artists: Sheryl Ali, Alicia James, Maria Fiat

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership in good standing is 114.

Fees remain unchanged at:

- \$50 for single
- \$60 for family
- \$135 for 3 years (single)
- \$165 for 3 years (family)

Being a FCAG member entitles you to:

- Opportunity to vote at our Annual General Meeting
- Access to the Centre's library of art history and instructional books
- Opportunity to enrol in quality visual art classes
- Access to the Centre's permanent collection of Members' artwork
- Discount on entry fee to juried exhibitions
- Opportunity to participate in member appreciation events
- Discount on facility rental fee
- Discount on purchases at art supply stores, by showing your membership card
- Opportunity to stand for election to the Board of Directors

Please note:

- Memberships are available for purchase in individuals 18 years or older
- Membership period start on the 1st of September
- Membership are not automatically renewed
- Membership are not pro-rated
- Membership are non-refundable
- By becoming a member, you agree to comply with our Code of Conduct

FCAG membership offers a warm, friendly learning environment for all to engage in creative activities and develop their skills. We wish to thank all our members for their support by renewing with us and participating in the many opportunities open to them at Franklin Carmichael Art Gallery. Your participation in classes, exhibitions, workshops and social events help to keep FCAG viable.

We would like to acknowledge Jill Remski, a long standing member and strong supporter of FCAG who passed away in 2020. Also, it is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our dear friend, June Ross.

The Board organized a variety of events this year to engage the membership. Below is a summary of the events and activities that took place:

- DIY with FCAG - Beyond Curtin Park series
- Community Creations - art material packages
- Art in Curtin Park workshops
- Movie Night in Curtin Park
- Colouring Books
- Holiday Gathering Virtual Trivia
- Holiday Card Sale featuring artwork by FCAG members
- Watercolour Workshop with Nancy Buckingham

We wish to thank the membership for participating in classes, workshops and social events at FCAG. Your continued support, especially during Covid, when we have had to modify our delivery of activities to adhere to health standards is commendable.

MARKETINGEtobicoke Guardian Newspaper:

FCAG submitted to the Arts Etobicoke spread that is published three times a year advertising all programming and events.

2021-2022 Event Cards:

Made in house by Nina and has been published on the website and in e-newsletters.

SOCIAL MEDIAFacebook:

Followers as of May 2021: 253
Previous Year (May 2020): 240

Instagram:

Followers as of May 2021: 237
Previous Year (May 2020): 193

Posts / Campaigns:Anti-Racism Statement - FCAG's Response (June 2020)

FCAG posted a public statement regarding commitment to addressing the individual and structural anti-black and anti-indigenous racism, and discrimination in our community.

Virtual Summer Camp Content: (June - August 2020)

Our FCAG Summer Camp Instructors curated original DIY (Do it Yourself) Content throughout the summer used on social media and fcag.ca outlining activities that can be created while staying home.

FACILITY

General maintenance, again, this fiscal year have been minimal because of the pandemic. With virtual classes and workshops and in class sessions happening only in the spring and a limited number of participants present, the wear and tear on the facilities was minimal. Even during these times that the facility was closed the expenditure of heating and hydro and other maintenance costs continued.

The city Parks and Rec department continue to maintain the grounds; cutting the grass, planting seasonal flowers in the large flowerpot on the driveway's edge and cleaning, mulching and planting in the flower beds around the facilities. Though the work has been somewhat reduced due to administrative changes at the city. We are no longer serviced by the same regional site we were before.

FUNDRAISING & OUTREACH**FCAG Supply Shop: October - November 2020**

FCAG sold gently used Art Supplies promoting on social media, fcag.ca and e-newsletters. A variety of materials were sold including brushes, paints, sketchbooks, and canvas'

An Evening at FCAG Paint Night: October 23, 2020

Participants: 5

Instructors: None

Holiday Card Sale: November - December 2020

Each blank card featured original artwork by past and present FCAG Members (paired with envelopes). Packages included 5 assorted cards with your choice of a 'Season's Greetings' message included or not included on the front.

Canada Helps Campaign: December 2020

FCAG reached out on social media, fcag.ca and e-newsletter asking for help to reach our goal of \$5,000 in online and phone donations by December 17, 2020 to make a positive impact on artists and communities throughout North Etobicoke.

Barbra MacLean and Paul Iofrida are the contacts that we use when issues arise. I am happy to state that the Gallery roof has finally been reshingled. We are waiting for other work to commence, i.e. the west wall near the entrance door needs to be repaired. I want to thank the city for its continued efforts in helping maintain FCAG as we continue to fulfil Ann Curtin's mandate.

Special thanks go to everyone who continues to help keep the FCAG facilities clean. Without their help it would be an impossible task to keep the facilities going. Thank you all for your ongoing effort in keeping FCAG the place that it is.

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 COVID-19 Business Support Grant (Ontario)

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