

**02a Chair's Message**  
**AGM 2022**

January 2022 felt like a breath of fresh air as we said goodbye to the more stringent COVID restrictions from the two previous years.

Thanks to the chair of the Program Committee, Ted Lind and the Gallery Director, Sophie Paskins and the Exhibitions Committee, we had all of the galleries filled with wonderful exhibitions. Workshops, life drawing, demonstrations and film nights were a welcomed return to the new normal.

Paint the Town ran as a hybrid online/in-person event, with 41 artists participating. The event was held at ARTSPPLACE, but we hope to return to the Legion in August 2023.

Our outside grounds were tackled this Spring and Summer and plans are being made to get some serious maintenance done to the building...stay tuned!

A fundraising committee was back in earnest in the fall and we are delighted to acknowledge Betsy Akin as a new fundraising committee member. As mentioned, our building needs some work done on replacing shingles on the front wall (facing the road, and closing up the back window in the library to give us more wall space. We are working on how to best fundraise for these upgrades.

We hired an Assistant Gallery Director in 2022, and I hope you have all had a chance to meet Geoff Agombar. Our online presence has gone up considerably since he joined ARTSPPLACE. Together with our Gallery Director, and the committees, we have an amazing year ahead planned.

We finished the year off with the 40th anniversary of ARCAC....a spectacular event! My heartfelt thanks to the ARTSPPLACE Board, Gallery Director, Sophie Paskins and Assistant Gallery Director, Geoff Agombar.

Please join artsplace if you are not a member.

Please volunteer and share your knowledge on our committees - especially Paint the Town!

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia Redgrave