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Susan Sweet's Community Pasture at ARTSPLACE

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (October 30, 2025) – ARTSPLACE Gallery welcomes “Community Pasture,” a new exhibition by Nova Scotia artist Susan Sweet. Known for her enduring focus on the rural landscape and the creatures that inhabit it, Sweet turns her attention once again to the quiet beauty and cultural significance of Atlantic Canada’s pastoral life.

For over thirty years, Sweet has painted the rhythms of rural Nova Scotia, where she lives and works in Hants County. Her fascination with cattle—observed along winding country roads and across rolling fields—anchors her latest series of acrylic paintings. In 2024, she expanded her fieldwork to include visits to small agricultural fairs throughout the region, gathering visual material and inspiration that would shape her winter studio practice.

As the new body of work unfolded, Sweet found herself reflecting on the shared spaces that define rural life: the community pastures that sustain livestock and connect generations of farmers. Her research led her from Nova Scotia’s Farm Loan Board-managed pastures to striking examples in Bonavista, Newfoundland and Labrador, where grazing cattle share the landscape with crashing waves and icebergs at the edge of the Atlantic.

“Through vivid compositions and painterly observation, ‘Community Pasture’ brings together the essence of these places where tradition, labour, and landscape converge,” said Sophie Paskins, Gallery Director.

“Sweet transforms the gallery into her own imagined pasture, inviting viewers to experience the enduring bond between people, animals, and land,” adds board member Ted Lind.

Susan Sweet holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from NSCAD University. Her public art commissions include the “Hants County Exhibition 250th Anniversary Commemorative Painting” (2015) and the “Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award Painting” (2016).

Susan Sweet’s “Community Pasture” opening reception Sat. November 1, 2025, 12-2 p.m. Light refreshments served, all welcome. Exhibition continues through December 20, 2025.

ARTSPLACE is a public Art Gallery that is operated by the Annapolis Region Community Arts Council, a registered charitable, community organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the arts. Supported through the Province of Nova Scotia and the Canada Council for the Arts.

ARTSPLACE Gallery is located at 396 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

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