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Art at the Heart for 40 Years

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (November 8, 2022) – One of the oldest artist-run centres in Atlantic Canada is getting ready to celebrate its landmark 40th anniversary on November 12, and everyone is welcome to an afternoon filled with memories, art, great conversation, and birthday cake!

Founded in 1982 by a group of enthusiastic artists, The Annapolis Royal Community Arts Council (ARCAC), was the region's first 'artist-run centre'. Inspired by the goal to share work and ideas with each other and the community, this legacy has enriched Annapolis Royal and the region for four decades.

"ARCAC and ARTSPACE flourish today because of the programs that showed the community they could use their artful skills, expertise, and sensibilities to become artists," said founding member Wayne Boucher.

"ARCAC offers a diverse and dynamic range of programs and exhibitions—the Main Gallery presents international, Canadian and Atlantic contemporary artists alongside local creators in the Library, MYM, and Chapel Galleries. OpenSpace installations animate the grounds throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall," said Ted Lind, ARTSPACE Board Member.

Three exciting new exhibitions will premiere during the November 12 celebration, including a Members' Show to honour the artists at the heart of the community.

The celebration kicks off with a proclamation by Town Crier Christine Igot at 12:30pm. All are invited to linger for refreshments and chats with some of the ARCAC founders and browse archival materials spanning decades of ARCAC and ARTSPACE history.

The day's programming wraps up with a sneak preview of the new digital platform ArtSeen. Slated for launch in 2023, ArtSeen is a collaboration with artists and galleries throughout the Atlantic provinces to showcase contemporary artists and catalogue resources to be available virtually on demand, anywhere.

ARCAC 40th Anniversary: Opening Reception November 12, 12 - 4pm. Light refreshments served, all welcome. Wheelchair accessible.

The Art of Fibre: Member's Exhibition, November 12 through December 17.

Face to Face / Shela Breau and Explorations Past / Julia Redgrave, November 12 through December 17.

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

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

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