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## **Exploring the Shadows of Time: Karen Phillips-Curran's Residency at ARTSPLACE**

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (Feb 5, 2025) – Karen Phillips-Curran will be ARTSPLACE Member-in-Residence from January 18 to February 22, 2025. Throughout her residency, she will delve into alternative photographic processes, breathing new life into the small, unnamed black-and-white photographs from her grandfather Henry's album.

"On those soft black-papered pages, I discover faces—family members I will never meet, yet who feel familiar," she reflects. "These century-old images have a haunting presence. Through this residency, I'm reimagining them, layering their stories with past and present through experimental photographic techniques. In some cases, I am even animating them—allowing them to move within time once more."

At 70, Phillips-Curran's lifelong artistic practice has taken many turns, each reflected in the images she creates. Working with Polaroid emulsion and other alternative processes, she excavates personal history, transforming small, captured moments into evocative new works that bridge memory and the present. She will exhibit her work simultaneously in the exhibition *Alternatives*, running from February 15-22, 2025.

Karen's artistic journey has spanned various roles, from freelance draftsman, graphic designer, and technical illustrator to private art teacher. She has exhibited her watercolours in galleries across Ontario, the southern U.S., and Bermuda. Her diverse career includes painting stage sets for the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and contributing to exhibits at the CBC, CJOH, CTV, and several museums, including the Museums of Nature and Civilization, the Museum of Federation, and the National Gallery.

A Canadian-born artist, Karen's work is held in collections in Canada, the United States, Bermuda, and Europe. Her artwork can currently be found at the Flight of Fancy Art Gallery in Bear River and the Teichert Gallery in the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax.

Join us at ARTSPLACE to experience Karen's exploration of memory, family, and the passage of time through her residency project. Visitors are welcome to meet the artist (by chance) during regular gallery hours.

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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.

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