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Outdoor Art is the Summer Recipe for ARTSPACE

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (July 15, 2021) – Summer's here and ARTSPACE is reimagining part of the great outdoors as Annapolis Royal's first permanent exhibition space for public art and experimental film. At a glance, what may look like just a parking lot, is the venue for current art and upcoming pop-up video and film presentations throughout the summer.

"Last year, our outdoor art installations were in response to public health restrictions. Now we've embraced how much fun art can be in an outdoor setting and officially created OpenSpace as a permanent location for the community to gather in a seasonal venue." said Gallery Director, Sophie Paskins.

"This is a great opportunity for our community to engage with art in an entirely new and informal way. A place to gather, socialize and celebrate art outside of a traditional gallery setting. It's spontaneous and guaranteed to be arresting—walk-by, be surprised and inspired." said Julia Redgrave, ARTSPACE Board Chair.

Currently, Ben Mosher's sculptural permutations of rare and endangered plants infest the lawn at OpenSpace in an exploration of control and preservation; which plants benefit from our attention and care and which have been neglected? "Plants of the year 5850: Speculative Flora of the Symbiocene" runs through July 30.

The first outdoor video presentation at OpenSpace takes place Friday July 23, 2021, 9:00pm (rain date: July 30) with a series of short films by the award-winning filmmaker Casimir Nozkowski. Nozkowski's work has been featured on The Tonight Show, PBS, MSNBC, cited in the New York Times and his films have been shown at the MOMA (Museum of Modern Art).

"As a pop-up film venue, OpenSpace is all the fun of a drive-in without the drive." joked Ted Lind, ARTSPACE Board Member and Program Committee Chair. "Bring your own seating, your friends, refreshments of your choosing and get ready for films at twilight!"

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.

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