



# Community Art News

*The latest community art news, views and announcements*

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Featured left to right:  
CAO David Harris, Colin Holloway (EDO), Bonnie Goodyear, Una Healey, Rusty Drover,  
Mayor John Pickett, Michelle Dooley-Kirby, Rowena Avery, and Jordan Santo

## **Community Art Procurement Program**

The Town of Clarenville is excited to announce the launch of the 2026 Community Art Procurement Program!

This is the third year that the Town has sponsored this program.

The Community Art Procurement Program is designed to support and celebrate local artists by purchasing and displaying up to two pieces of artwork in municipal spaces, including the Town Hall.

Through this program, we aim to foster public appreciation for the arts, contribute to the success of local artists, and enhance the cultural vibrancy of our community.

### **Purpose of the Program:**

- **Promote Local Artists:** Give local artists the opportunity to gain recognition and build their careers.
- **Support Arts and Culture:** Encourage a thriving arts culture that enriches the community's quality of life.
- **Public Access to Art:** Bring artwork into public spaces, making it accessible to all residents.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Accepting Submissions

**Starting February 6,  
2026**

Be sure to visit the Town website or follow us on Facebook for more information about deadlines and how to submit your artwork.

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your talent, contribute to the local arts scene, and have your work displayed in the heart of our community!

Please contact Colin Holloway, the Town of Clarendville's Economic Development Officer by phone at **(709) 466-7937, ext. 110** or by e-mail at [cholloway@clarendville.ca](mailto:cholloway@clarendville.ca).

Let's make this year's Community Art Procurement Program a celebration of Clarendville's vibrant arts scene!

### Eligibility Criteria for Artists:

- Artists must either live in Clarendville or create artwork that reflects the town's identity. The artwork should reflect aspects of Clarendville—whether through its history, geography, or community life.
- Open to artists at all skill levels.
- Town of Clarendville employees are welcome to participate.

### Artwork Requirements:

- Submissions must be complete and available for purchase.
- Artwork should be suitable for display in office settings (e.g., paintings, photography, sculpture, mixed media).
- Artists can submit up to three artworks.

### Submission Guidelines:

- Submit a separate application form for each artwork.
- Clearly state the price of each piece (framed or unframed).
- **Applications and artwork must be received in person at the Town Hall or the Clarendville Events Centre by March 27, 2025 at 4:30 PM.**

### Responsibilities:

- The program is managed by the Town's Economic Development Officer in partnership with the appointed panel of judges.

### Selection Process:

- **Judge's Panel:** The 3-person panel of judges will use a standardized evaluation process to score all submissions.
- Each piece will be ranked, and the highest-rated artwork will be purchased.
- **Residents' Choice:** A vote will be held online, where the community can choose their favorite artwork, which may also be purchased.

### Purchase & Payment:

- The Town will purchase up to two artworks per year, based on available budget.
- Artists will receive payment once the artwork and all required details are submitted.

### Artwork Display & Ownership:

- **All submissions will be on display for public viewing at *The Gallery* from April 10 - May 1, 2026.**
- The Town will own the purchased artwork and may display it in municipal buildings or lend it to other locations temporarily.
- Artists retain image rights, while the Town has exclusive display rights.

### Application Forms:

- To obtain an application form, please visit the Town of Clarendville Facebook page or website or e-mail at [cholloway@clarendville.ca](mailto:cholloway@clarendville.ca).



**White Hills**

Artist: **Michelle Dooley-Kirby**  
2025 Judges' Choice Award Winner



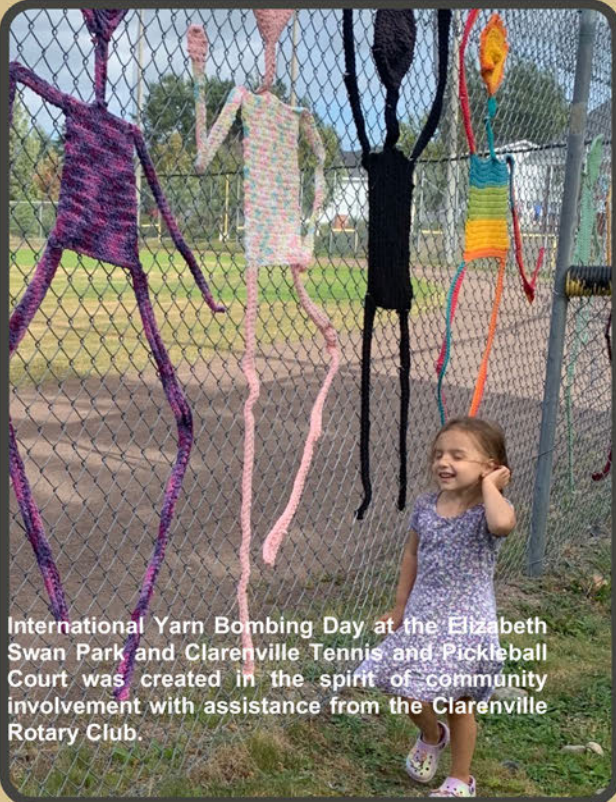
**Reflections**

Artist: **Rusty Drover**  
2025 Residents' Choice  
Award Winner



# NEWS & EVENTS

## Art in the Community- A Year in Review



International Yarn Bombing Day at the Elizabeth Swan Park and Clarenville Tennis and Pickleball Court was created in the spirit of community involvement with assistance from the Clarenville Rotary Club.

In January 2025, The Gallery opened at the Clarenville Events Centre. The new Art Gallery is managed by the Clarenville Regional Arts Association in partnership with the Town of Clarenville.

Throughout 2025, the Regional Arts Association hosted six exhibitions including: the Town of Clarenville Community Art Procurement Program; a Student Art Exhibition featuring work from local middle and high schools; the Craft Council of Newfoundland and Labrador Members' Showcase; Violence Prevention East's "What Were You Wearing?"; artworks by Clarenville artists Reilly and Kaeleigh Fitzgerald; the Rug Hooking Guild of NL's "Events That Changed the World" - depicting historical events that changed the course of life in our communities, our province and country, and our world.



Inaugural Fibre Arts Festival



What Were You Wearing Exhibit, sponsored by Violence Prevention East



Rug Hooking Guild of Newfoundland and Labrador



Reilly Fitzgerald and Kaeleigh Fitzgerald Art Exhibit



Students at The Gallery Art Exhibit



# NEWS & EVENTS

## BOTH/AND: a photo journey

The Gallery at the Clarenville Events Centre

**February 3 to March 13, 2026**



Image: *Between the Lines*, Anonymous

*BOTH/AND: a photo journey* features photos by survivors of sexual violence and/or intimate partner violence exploring the theme of Both/And. Organized by The Journey Project.

**Exhibition Reception: Tuesday, February 3  
1:30 - 3:30 pm, open to all**

15 Blackmore Ave.  
Clarenville, NL, A5A 1B8  
Hours of operation same as the  
Clarenville Events Centre @  
clarenvilleeventscentre.ca

Find out more at  
clarenvilleregionart.ca  
facebook.com/groups/ClarenvilleRegionArt

**THE GALLERY**  
at the Clarenville Events Centre



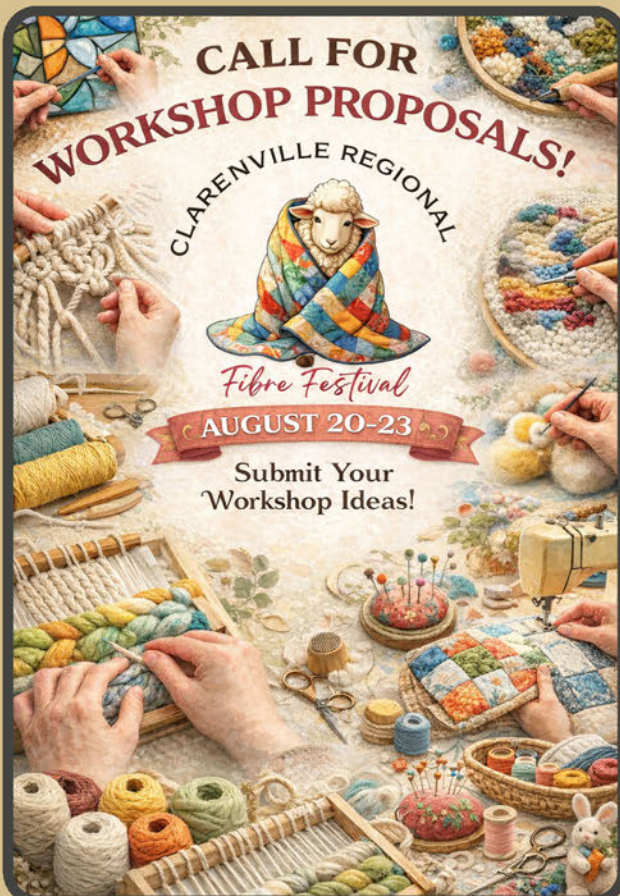
## The Gallery

### The Journey Project "PhotoVoice"

The next exhibition in The Gallery at the Clarenville Events Centre is opening on **February 3**. Called *BOTH/AND: a photo journey*, it features photos by survivors of sexual violence and/or intimate partner violence exploring the theme of Both/And. It is organized by The Journey Project - NL, an organization doing valuable work to strengthen justice supports for survivors of sexual violence and intimate partner violence.

### Looking Ahead:

The Clarenville Regional Arts Association recently signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Clarenville. The organization is also working on becoming incorporated and to offering future arts related opportunities for the Clarenville Region. Check out the new website at [www.clarenvilleregionart.ca](http://www.clarenvilleregionart.ca).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 6, 2026**

**2026 Community Art Procurement Program Launch**

**March 27, 2026 at 4:30 PM**

**Community Art Procurement Program Submission Deadline** The Gallery - Clarenville Event Centre or Town Hall

**April 10 - May 1, 2026**

**Community Art Procurement Program Submission Exhibition** The Gallery - Clarenville Event Centre

**Spring/ Summer 2026**

**Students at The Gallery**

**International Yarn Bombing Day: June 11, 2026**

**Fibre Art Festival: August 20-23, 2026**