



Newsletter Spring 2008

Upcoming In the Arts

MAC Spring Show

This weekend!

April 18-20

Bracebridge Recreation
Centre

110 Clearbrook Trail
www.muskokaartsand
crafts.com for details

**Cultural Careers Council
Ontario AGM**

Wed April 23

For info & to RSVP
info@workinculture.ca

**Community Arts Ontario
AGM — May 3**

Seeking board members
416-598-1128 for info

Three times a Charm?

ACoM has had to cancel its CARFAC workshop on Legal Issues, Copyright and Contracts, scheduled for April 19, due to low registration, for a second time.

“We’re disappointed, naturally,” said ACoM Secretary/Treasurer Anne Clement, “but we hope to reschedule, if enough people step forward and indicate their interest. The group is looking at co-hosting with the Huronia Foundation of the Arts, maybe in June. Email us to join our e-list if you’re interested in attending.

**Muskoka: A Designated Arts
Community**

You already knew that Muskoka was an arts Mecca, but now it’s about to become official. Muskoka’s District Council is scheduled at the end of this month to vote on a motion to recognize Muskoka as a Designated Arts Community, thanks to an initiative from the folks at Muskoka Arts and Crafts and the support of the Arts Council of Muskoka and Muskoka Tourism. Muskoka joins other communities such as Prince

Edward County and Warkworth in acknowledging the vital role the arts play in the region’s cultural and economic identity.

“This designation provides many opportunities for artists, businesses and other partners to work together,” said ACoM Chair Krysia Bower. “We’re really looking forward to exploring lots of ways to utilize this

**ACoM Appoints
Veteran Journalist**

ACoM’s board of directors is pleased to introduce to its membership new Co-ordinator Tamsen Tillson. A resident of Milford Bay since 2000, Tamsen is a veteran print journalist whose work has been published in many popular Canadian consumer magazines and newspapers. She also spent much of the last decade as the Toronto correspondent for the venerable Hollywood trade publication Variety.

“It’s wonderful that

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Walking in My Mother’s Shoes
Block print by Krysia Bower

We’re on the Web

Visit us at:

www.artscouncilofmuskoka.com

Note: We are in the process of updating and revitalizing our website.

Thanks for bearing with us!

Upcoming ACoM Events

Calling All Artists and Anyone Who Has Ever Had a Mother

**2nd Annual Walking
in My Mother’s Shoes**

*A celebration
of our mothers*

Muskoka Place Gallery
1182 Foreman Rd.,
Port Carling

May 9: 7-9pm
May 10: 10-4

Come one Come all

**We want you to
participate**

Contact the ACoM
office for details

**Artist Meet ‘n’ Greet
Wine and Cheese**

Get out of the Studio:
A socializing and
networking opportunity
to get connected with
your arts community

Damselfly Studio,
1916 Muskoka Rd.
169, Gravenhurst

Details TBA

**Muskoka Chair
Event**

Summer 2008

Final Draw at
Dockside Festival in
Gravenhurst
Aug. 15-17, 2008

**We are
currently looking
for members to
paint this year’s
chairs.**

Contact the ACoM
office for details

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Join an ACoM committee!

We are looking for volunteers to help us with our events, membership, and finance committees. Let us know if you have time to spare and would like to help out.

Need to renew your ACoM membership?

Call us or visit our website for the forms you need to renew!



SAVE NOW!! From now until May 1st, you can save \$5 on your MT membership!

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Gallery Space Project

Last year, the ACoM partnered with Muskoka Community Futures in Bracebridge and Muskoka Tourism on Hwy. 11 on the Gallery Space Project, an initiative inviting ACoM members to display their visual and 3D art at either of the two locations. Now the Gallery Space Project is expanding, adding new participants the Catto Gallery/Museum in Port Carling and Shawn Pudsey's Law Office in Huntsville to the exhibitors' list.

Members agree to a quarterly display of their art at one of the four busy hubs for both tourists and locals, providing an excellent opportunity to promote and sell their work.

In this rotation we are proud to exhibit the art of Brian and Kathy Ashby, Margo Gracey, Elke Scholz, John Murden, Pat Fairhead, and Gayle Dempsey.

More partnerships are forthcoming. For more details or to participate, contact us at info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com

New ACoM Co-ordinator Cont'd

technology has allowed me to write from Muskoka, but I want to contribute more to the local community," said Tamsen, who is also Co-ordinator for the local film club Spinning Reels and a board member of the Manna Food Bank. "I am grateful to the Arts Council for giving me this opportunity to put my skills to work here in Muskoka. There are so many opportunities to continue to bring the arts together here; I'm eager to dive right in."

Tamsen is responsible for implementing an ambitious workplan that over the next 12 months includes advocacy for arts-related issues, community outreach and collaboration, increasing ACoM's membership base, raising the profile of Muskoka artists in the media, events planning, fundraising, and youth involvement in the arts. Contact: 705 644-0531 or tamsen@artscouncilofmuskoka.com

Muskoka: A Designated Arts Community Cont'd

designation to everyone's benefit."

ACoM's executive is working on a strategy on how best to collaborate to take advantage of this great opportunity. "We are greater than the sum of our parts," Bower added.

The designation follows a presentation from MAC President Sara Hall to the District's Economic Development Committee on April 10. ACoM Past Chair Gayle Dempsey also spoke up in favour, and the motion was unanimously approved by the Committee. MAC Curator Elene Freer, Muskoka Tourism Marketing Agency Chairman Gary Froude and ACoM Secretary/Treasurer Anne Clement and Co-ordinator Tamsen Tillson were also present.

The Benefits of ACoM Membership

ACoM would like to remind you that members are eligible for full **membership privileges with Muskoka Tourism** at significantly reduced rates. A \$190 value, this special offer is only \$25 plus GST

for individuals, and \$35 plus GST for an affiliate associate Gallery. It includes MT Website presence and placement of brochures at MT Centres. On May 1st, these prices will go up by \$5.

ACoM continues to offer a **new membership package** for new or renewing members. It includes special benefits and discounts from local businesses and organizations. We are grateful to our sponsors at

the Muskoka Lakes Music Festival, Martin's Framing, The Creative Cook, North Art, and Muskoka Tourism for offering our members special deals. You also receive discounts at ACoM workshops and events.