

Art in Autumn: the Apsley Autumn Studio Tour

By Molly Muldovan

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The beauty of September in the Kawarthas... the sounds and colours of early fall, when the hardwood forest begins its annual, glorious blaze while migrating loons silently gather in the dawn's light on suddenly tranquil lakes, mist rising around them.

The third weekend of September also brings another recurring and colourful event, when the artists and artisans of the Apsley Autumn Studio Tour open their doors to visitors from near and far. This annual event invites the public to meet the talented painters, jewelers, glass artists, photographers, potters, fibre artists and sculptors who make this area their home. The tour provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the vibrant autumn colour while discovering the wealth of artistic talent tucked away in the rugged landscape of this beautiful area.

There are 21 artists in 13 studio locations participating in this year's tour, covering the area from just north of Haultain in the south to Coe Hill in the northeast. Plan for a leisurely two-day outing – allow yourself the time to take in and enjoy the wide variety of art and fine craft that will be on display.

New to this year's tour are wildlife photographer Shane Climie and painter David Smith.

This year's tour takes place on September 16 and 17, and, as always, the tour is self-guided. You can pick up your tour brochure and map at many local shops, or you can download the brochure from www.apsleystudiotour.com, where you can also view selected works from each of the participating artists.

We'll be easy to find – all the participating studio locations are marked with distinctive black and white "Studio Tour" signs. On September 16 and 17, watch for the black and white Studio Tour signs that will guide you to the studios of the Autumn Studio Tour.

Molly Moldovan is a visual artist and founding member of the Apsley Autumn Studio Tour, now in its 24th year.



Featured Artworks - *Above:* Cathy Pennaertz's pottery figurines. *Below:* Rachel Charlebois' carved saw.



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