

The Tour Goes On ...

Looking Ahead to 2019

by Molly Moldovan, Founding Member, Apsley Studio Tour

This year's Apsley Autumn Studio Tour - the 25th anniversary edition - was wonderful in every possible way. As with the 2017 tour, we had unprecedented weather - worrisome: would people stay at the lake rather than visit our studios? We appreciate everyone who made the effort to leave the beach or their docks long enough to visit our studios. It's rare that we can still swim on September 16th!

On Saturday, our studios had a steady stream of visitors from 10am onward. There were many first-time visitors, many of them cottagers in the area for years but who until now, hadn't made the time to visit the tour. They were happily surprised at the quality and diversity of art and craft that they encountered at our studios.

Our tour is volunteer-driven: we work all year – jurying new applicants, preparing the brochure, updating the website, budgeting, creating ads, writing articles and much more – there are many tasks that happen behind the scenes, necessary for creating a successful tour experience for everyone.

From now until the 2019 studio tour, we'll be keeping you abreast of new developments – new and/or returning members, comments from this year's tour visitors and more. Watch this space!

Until we see you in September, thank you to everyone who came out to visit our studios, engaged us in interesting conversations about art-making, viewing art, and the importance of art in their life. You brightened our days by being supportive of our efforts. See you all next September 21 & 22!

*Photos by B. Shaw: **Top:** At Studio S, Lisa's entire home became an amazing gallery for her work as well as that of Frances Timbers and Britt Olason.*

***Middle:** Frances Timbers discussing her jewellery with tour visitors in the garden at Studio F.*

***Bottom:** Dolores Hopps displayed her colourful quilts and wall hangings in the garden at Studio H. At the end of the weekend, Dolores was left with only one quilt!*





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