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25th Anniversary of the Apsley Studio Tour

By Molly Moldovan

The first hints of colour are starting to creep into the trees ... chickadees congregate at feeders ... loons silently gather in the dawn's light on suddenly tranquil lakes, mist rising around them. Every year these small events herald the quiet beauty that is September in the Kawarthas.

But wait – what's that sound, disrupting the idyllic peace of our area? It's the happy sound of a celebration! The Apsley Autumn Studio Tour is celebrating its 25 anniversary on September 15 and we're inviting everyone to share in our joy.

We've found a number of ways to mark this milestone year: you've probably seen us on Facebook – we've been more active than ever before; you may have seen our rotating window exhibitions at Sayers', or our display at Woody's; our brochures are hard to miss, available from merchants and eateries both local and further afield. Our website – **ApsleyStudioTour.com** – has been updated with previews of work by the 23 participants in this year's tour. You may have seen the distinctively simple black and white logo on our pole banners in Apsley, our signs on local cottage roads, our billboards on Highway 28 or our large banners in various locations in North Kawartha, all reminders of the main event to come – the 25th annual Apsley Autumn Studio Tour, September 15 & 16, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Over the past 25 years we've grown in so many ways, as has the larger community around us. Although artists have come and gone from the tour, we have consistently maintained its reputation for the high quality of art and craft and the professionalism of the participating artists and artisans. Part of our mandate is to foster growth of the arts in North Kawartha and surround-

ing area. In 2017 we instituted an annual award for Excellence in Art at Apsley Central School, a trophy as well as a gift certificate for art supplies, awarded to the student showing the most promise in the arts. We look forward to seeing the 2017 and 2018 winners' progress in coming years.

Until we see you on studio tour weekend, thank you to everyone who, over the past 25 years, came out to visit our studios, engaged us in interesting conversations about art-making, viewing art, and how art relates to your life in general. You brightened our days by being supportive of our efforts. See you all on the weekend of September 15 & 16!

This year, 23 artists will be at a dozen locations which are denoted by the Studio Letter preceding the artist's names below:

- A: Kimberly Tucker, Barb Hawthorn
- F: Brad Copping, Susan Rankin, David Smith, Vivienne Jones, Rusty Girl
- G: David Grieve
- H: Dolores Hopps, Judy Sparkes
- H: Kathy Robichaud, Catharine Scott
- K: Cathy Pennaertz
- L: Al Hasselfeldt
- M: Molly Moldovan, Susan Higgins
- N: Shane Climie, Shelley Brown
- O: Rachel Conlin
- R: Rachel Charlebois
- S: Lisa Mace, Frances Timbers, Britt Olauson

For a map to the studio locations, please see page 15.

Molly Moldovan is a visual artist and founding member of the Apsley Autumn Studio Tour, now in its 25th year.



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