

## ***“Shell of a Place” Turtles, Home, and Hometown Stories***

The Station Arts Centre invites artists of all mediums and levels to submit work for “Shell of a Place”, a community-centred exhibition exploring the symbolism of the turtle as it relates to hometown identity, belonging, memory, and place.

Turtles carry their homes wherever they go. In many ways, so do we.

This exhibition encourages artists to interpret the connection between turtles and the places that shape us - whether through landscape, personal history, migration, protection, nostalgia, or change. Submissions may be literal or conceptual, traditional or experimental.

“Shell of a Place” opens in celebration of “Turtlefest”, inviting visitors to experience community, culture and local pride.

### **Eligibility:**

- Open to emerging and estranged artists
- Local and Regional artists are encouraged to apply
- No prior exhibit experience required
- All work must be original, made within the last 2 years, and relate to the exhibit theme

### **Submission Requirements:**

#### **Please include:**

- Up to 2 artworks per artist
- 1-3 images per artwork (JPEG format)
- Artist Bio (100 words)
- Brief description of how the work connects to the theme (100 words max)
- Artwork details (Title, Dimensions, Medium, Price)

Submit to: [tverbuyst@stationarts.ca](mailto:tverbuyst@stationarts.ca) tagline: Shell of a Place

### **Important dates:**

**Submission Deadline:** May 23rd, 2026

**Artist Notification:** June 5th, 2026

**Artwork Drop-off:** Saturday, June 13th or Monday, June 15th, 2026

**Opening Reception/Opening Ceremony:** Friday, June 19th, 2026, 4 pm-6 pm

**Exhibition Dates:** June 19th - July 24th, 2026

### **Gallery Notes:**

- All artists must be able to attend the opening reception/ceremony on June 19th from 4-6 pm.
- All works must be for sale - Gallery commission is 30%
- All works must be hang-ready - (dhooks and wired, stable base for 3D, framed with wire if drawing, watercolour or photography)
- The Station Arts Centre reserves the right to decline any work that does not meet professional standards.
- \$250 will be awarded to the People’s Choice Award recipient