

CALL FOR ARTISTS - Let's Shell-abrate our Art!

Turtle inspired Art Exhibit - Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre

Turtlefest is right around the corner, and it is currently the fastest growing event in Southern Ontario! Help us shell-abrate our local artists and kick off the weekend festivities with this unique Art Exhibit!

The Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre invites artists (emerging and established) based in Tillsonburg and Area to submit one of a kind, handmade works of art inspired by Turtles for our month-long art exhibit in our Patenaude Family Gallery. The exhibit will :

- Highlight local artists using various mediums through a cohesive and whimsical theme
- Draw patrons from all across Southern Ontario through the opening of the Turtlefest Weekend.
- Activate Downtown Tillsonburg with exciting art bringing more cultural enriching experiences to our community and to the event.
- Reflect the unique and growing community while encouraging exploration throughout Tillsonburg

PROJECT DETAILS

This is a Tillsonburg and Oxford County Area call to artists of all mediums to create a unique, one of a kind work highlighting “Let's Shell-abrate our Art” .

The works will be featured in Tillsonburg Post, featured in the Downtown Tillsonburg Newsletter, Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre newsletter and various social media sites. The artworks will be on display in our Patenaude Family Gallery for the entire duration of the exhibit June 13th - July 11th 2025. This exhibit aims to celebrate our vibrant and unique artists and capture the essence of our Tillsonburg history from the story of Tillsonburg's founder, George Tillson, who once vowed to return as a turtle to witness how his town would thrive.

To enhance the experience, we will be holding a People's Choice award of \$250 for the selected artist with the most on site votes. The poll for this will be open to the public until July 11th, 2025 and the winning artist will be notified shortly after.

REQUIREMENTS

The artwork is expected to incorporate the following themes: An interpretation in any medium inspired by Turtles.

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- Dimensions aren't specified, but we ask works to be no larger than 4ft x 4ft. (if sculptural, please notify tverbuyst@stationarts.ca for more information)
- All works must be hang ready by Gallery standards - if unsure on these, please reach out to tverbuyst@stationarts.ca
- All works must be for sale - Gallery takes 20% commission on Sales
- All works must stay on display for the entirety of the exhibit June 13th - July 11th 2025
- All artists with works submitted we ask to be present at the Opening ceremony of Turtlefest and the exhibit on Friday June 13th at 4pm.

Artists may enter up to 2 artworks for the exhibit (due to the amount of submissions, not all works may be selected). Images are to be JPG files sent digitally to tverbuyst@stationarts.ca no more than 300 dpi. Please attach a short description of your artwork, dimensions and an artist bio for the exhibit. Artists must ensure that all artworks are submitted physically to the Gallery by the given deadline.

PROJECT TIMELINE

March 3rd: Call released

May 2nd: JPG submissions due

May 9th: Any artists that submitted more than one work will be notified on how many were selected

June 6th & 7th: All works delivered to the Gallery

June 13th: Opening for the Exhibit 4-6pm

COMPENSATION

\$250 for the People's Choice Award

SUBMISSIONS

Artists are invited to respond to this call by sending all information to tverbuyst@stationarts.ca

Submissions must be received by **11:59 pm EST, May 2nd, 2025.**

QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to reach out to [Tabitha Verbuyst Executive Director/Curator of the Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre](mailto:Tabitha.Verbuyst@stationarts.ca) at tverbuyst@stationarts.ca or 519-842-6151