

Volunteer Testimonials



I'm an artist. Two years ago I organized my first solo show at Quest, working with volunteers 'behind the scenes'. I loved their energy and enthusiasm, and that atmosphere of support. Although that show closed early because of Covid19, I valued the experience as so richly rewarding, I decided to join the team... Now I'm a member of the 'Audience Engagement and Creative Strategies' Committee, and I'm able to connect with very professional people and use skills I haven't used in years. It's been a great journey!



I began volunteering with Quest Art on May 1, 2012, therefore soon I will have been part of the team for nine years. Most of my work has been behind the counter in the Gift Shop a half of a day, each Wednesday., selling beautiful pieces of art as well as signing up people for various classes. I also helped during fun evenings like Kaleidoscope and Art Slam. Since the pandemic started, I have helped on the Membership Committee and a few other times, when needed.

When I moved back to Midland (my hometown) after I retired, I was looking for places to volunteer, to give back to the community. I chose Quest as one of them, because I have always loved art, but never had time to pursue it while I was working full time. It was wonderful being surrounded by beautiful art, which helped to encourage and motivate me, as well as meeting so many friendly, fantastic, creative people. Of course, there was the added advantage of being able to purchase art to adorn my walls! What a great experience!

We all look forward to the time that we can again see each other and some art, in person!



I have been a Quest Art volunteer in many roles for 20 years. Most recently, I am part of a team that recruits and schedules adult visual arts learning workshops. Quest being forward thinking embraced online learning which allows our teachers and participants to connect from any location. These workshops fill a need for building the Quest Art profile, creativity, and positive mental health especially during a pandemic. In the process, I am part of a supportive learning community, and I am so thankful for this meaningful opportunity



I grew up in a family of artists. But art was on the back burner for me when I moved from Toronto to Midland some years ago. Getting involved with Quest as a volunteer, exhibitor, workshop attendee, instructor, mentor, and art retreat host has brought back one of the great joys of my life. I can't thank Quest Art School and Gallery enough.



I loved my volunteer position at Quest, as the head of the installation committee, gathering a talented group to work together installing the shows in the three galleries. It was a big day or two, but so rewarding, starting with empty galleries covered in holes which needed patching and painting, to the finished installation which never failed to astonish me. There was always such a team involved. I loved it and I miss it hugely.



Before COVID-19 restrictions which closed Quest's art galleries were in place, I was part of a group of volunteers who hung the incoming art on the walls of the galleries.

This involved repairing and painting the walls and measuring and hanging the art according to the curator's instructions. I really liked being able to handle the art and see it up close. I found it interesting to observe the weight of each piece, the wide variety of surfaces and materials used by the artists, the framing choices for the art, and the personal inscriptions the artist wrote on the back of their work. I felt a personal connection and gained a familiarity with the art: I enjoyed this immensely.

I am looking forward to working on the art installation team again when Quest can again have physical galleries which are open to the public.



I have been a Quest Art volunteer since 2019. Through Quest's volunteer opportunities, I have been able to become more connected to the arts community of the Midland area. I have participated in fundraising events, assisted with gallery openings at the MCC, and have had the opportunity to create art demonstration videos for the Quest Art website. Quest Art creates excellent arts programming for all age groups; volunteering with them lets me participate in all kinds of activities and events that I may not have otherwise been exposed to.