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Quest Art School + Gallery and Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre are pleased to announce a collaborative artists-in-residence programme titled **Maples & Other Delights: The Wonders of Wye Marsh**

This residency will be undertaken by three regional artists: Holly Archer, Kasia Latos, and Aaron White. (bios attached) Beginning the week of August 9th, the artists will explore, engage with and interpret the natural beauty and ecological systems at Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, with a focus on maple trees. Members of the public can meet with the artists while they work. Times that the artists will be on site will vary from week to week and may be weather-dependent. Quest and Wye Marsh will post on our social media times that the artists will be on site.

Wye Marsh and Quest have a history of successfully collaborating together on other projects and we welcome this opportunity to bring together art and nature. **The residency will culminate in an exhibition of the work by the artists at Wye Marsh, opening on Saturday, September 25th at 2pm as part of the province-wide Culture Days Celebration.**

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Quest Art School + Gallery acknowledges that it is located on land which is the traditional and Treaty territory of the Anisninaabek people, now known as the Chippewa Tri-Council comprised of Beausoleil First Nation, Rama First Nation, and the Georgina Island First Nation. Several Treaties of Peace were made on a Nation-to-Nation basis between the Crown, the Anisninaabek and the Haudenosaunee peoples. We also recognize that we are located on land which was once the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and that our community is home to many citizens of the Metis Nation of Ontario and to a large and diverse community of Indigenous peoples.

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Maples & Other Delights: The Wonders of Wye Marsh Artist Residency: Artists Bios:



Holly Archer is an award-winning Canadian artist from Midland, Ontario. Holly's work has been showcased across Canada, is displayed in private galleries/collections internationally, was recognized most recently with a 2020 Juror's award at the Newmarket International Juried Art Show, and was featured in the San Diego Museum of Art's International Juried Winter Exhibition. Holly, in collaboration with Camille Myles, will also be unveiling a large-scale public art piece in Midland, Ontario in the fall of 2021. Holly has a Bachelor of Arts (BAH) degree from Queen's University, a Master of Arts (MA) degree from the University of Ottawa, and is currently working towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree. Holly has studied with artists from across Canada and has benefitted from educational opportunities provided by Haliburton School of Art and Design, OCAD University, MacLaren Art Centre, and Quest Art School and Gallery. Collaboration and knowledge exchange with other artists is a valued part of Holly's practice.



Kasia Latos is a visual artist living and creating out of her studio in Midland, Ontario. As a self-taught artist she is drawn to experimentation across materials and techniques, often placing them out of their expected roles. Appreciation of imperfection is at the forefront of her practice. Kasia's work has been exhibited at the Quest Gallery in Midland, featured in the online TD 2020 Annual Juried Exhibition, as well as, selected for SCULPTURE 2021 artbook by John B. Aird Gallery in Toronto. Currently Kasia is a finalist for the 2021/2022 Salt Spring National Art Prize.



A small town raised the boy who you'll meet today. The town of Midland is **Aaron White's** hometown and place of birth. As I was growing up the skateboard park would be where you would most likely find me. Throughout high-school art class and the music room would become my favorite places to be. It wasn't till my mid 20s I discovered Bob Ross and the magic of painting. It was then that I began to submit the work I was creating to my local gallery and Quest Art – there the adventure with art really began! Before I knew it, after a couple years of practicing art, I was teaching workshops and installing in the galleries that were where my passion for art began. 2021 has brought many new challenges and advantages for me. A new inspiration came from riding my ebike to new locations with my art gear to try my luck with plein air painting. Looking forward to seeing what my next art adventure will be!