



October 1, 2020

Dear Minto Arts Council Supporter,

The Minto Arts Council (MAC) would like to thank you for your continued support of MAC Gallery, as well as the Basement Café events. As we are all only too aware, Covid-19 has disrupted our lives and our normal activities. It has brought challenges to individuals, businesses and organizations. The Arts Council has been impacted too. Our gallery was forced to close for five months and our plans for the spring and summer were changed.

Despite the challenges, we have tried to be flexible and stay in touch with our community. We presented an online presentation of four local artists who gave us an insight into their inspirations and showcased their work. We continued to support our young artists through our annual bursary and we supported the Harriston Rising mural project. The Arts Council communicated with our patrons and volunteers through online and social media channels. We cautiously re-opened in August under strict protocols and showcased our March exhibit, which was interrupted by the pandemic closures, after only a week of being installed. Our fall exhibits are going forward but will have limited opening times that will be in keeping with the hours of operation of the County Library Building. Please check our website for our opening hours as they have changed.

We will participate in the 2020 edition of Culture Days.

This year's edition of the **Christmas Silent Auction** will run from Saturday, November 14th until Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 pm. While we recognize that you have been impacted by these difficult economic circumstances, if you are still able to be a supporter either through a tax-deductible monetary contribution or a donation to our Silent Auction, we would be most appreciative. If you are unable to assist at this time, we understand and hope to see you back in 2021.

Please contact Eleanor Butt at 519-338-5242 to arrange pick-up of any donations or for further information. Donations may also be mailed to Minto Arts Council, Box 760, Harriston, ON N0G 1Z0.

Thank you for keeping the arts alive in your community. We hope that through these measures we will all stay safe!

Minto Arts Council

Name of Donor: _____

Description of Item: _____

All donated items will be auctioned by the silent auction method and the proceeds will go to support the Arts Gallery and the arts in Minto.