

Artist of the Month



KEN O'SULLIVAN was born in Sydney, Australia in 1944. His father passed early on and he grew up with his mother and sister.

Graduating with a BA from the University of Sydney, and afterwards a Diploma of Education from Sydney

Teachers College, he taught in Sydney for three years.

Deciding to travel, Ken stayed with friends in London allowing in depth exploration of the many historic sites and art museums. With Europe just skip and a jump away, the opportunity to visit was too good to pass and he traveled to France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, and Germany.

Ken migrated to Canada in 1968 and accepted a position in Alberta, teaching core subjects to junior high students. In 1973 he decided on a career change and completed his Masters in Educational Psychology at the University of Calgary. Following graduation, he worked outpatient psychiatry at Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary. "After three years, I concluded this career was not for me and accepted a position in Grand Prairie as a consultant with Alberta Education."

This enabled travel throughout Northern Alberta. One memorable experience in Fox Lake, a fly-in Native Community, where he saw a horse-drawn school bus with a wood stove for heat. It was also the first time he saw Spirit Houses over the Graves in the cemetery.

Ken has been interested in Art since he was a young boy when his mother took him and his sister to Art Galleries and museums in Sydney. "My first love of art began with the Renaissance through photos in Art books of Da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Rafael which, in my travels, I was fortunate to view in person. It was fascinating to be able to get up close to these wonderful works of Art by the Old Masters in famous art museums like the Louvre. Later I became enthused with the Impressionists, especially Monet."

Never having taken art lessons, upon retirement, Ken took up painting. "I love to paint because I can use my imagination, play with colors and it makes me feel like a kid." Starting at the Telford House Senior's Center painting sessions 6 years ago, he became impassioned and soon joined the Leduc Art Club where he learned much about art theory, such as composition, mixing colors, amongst others. He also made great friendships and enjoys going on a weekly basis.

"I truly believe Good Art inspires the imagination; Great Art inspires the soul. Paint on!"

Come see Ken's artwork showing at the Leduc Art Club during the month of September in the Leduc Arts Foundry room at the Leduc Recreation Center.

Board Meeting

Wednesday September 14, 2022

General meeting takes place 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

September 14th is our Social 7-9pm (after meeting) The Events Committee has been having a blast planning the year's socials to enable our club to become more, well, sociable. This month will see Andrea Lewis model in costume for us to draw. Invite a friend! (or more :) but let **Katherine** know as refreshments will be served.

Got an activity in mind for the social? Let **Liz** know.



FREE Community Drop-in Tuesdays

Free Community Drop-in is every Tuesday 9am-4pm at the Leduc Arts Foundry. Bring your painting and supplies and join like minded artists for a day of fun and creativity. Teen Drop-in is 4-7pm



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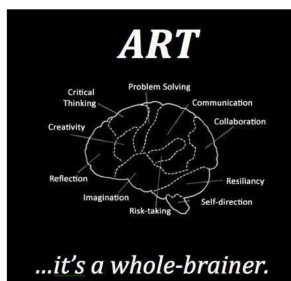


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WANTED:

Teacher and Assistant to teach the **UP (Unique Perspective)** program. These art classes are for adults with developmental disabilities that offer the opportunity to explore art theory, build confidence, and cultivate friendships in a creative environment. Contact **Ingrid** if you are interested.



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Alexandra Party in the Park.

A big **THANK YOU** to Haley, Ingrid, Kathleen, Ken, Kritine, Liz, Pat, and Kathy for volunteering.

Your contribution impacted the community in a huge way. The project was enjoyed by all as 131 canvases were painted and an estimated 3,000 people attended.

A huge success!

See next page for a list of Board Members and contact information

Members Gallery

All members are invited to participate in our Members Gallery monthly shows. The artist will be able to hang up to ten paintings on the gray panels walls. They will also be featured in our newsletter and in the Rep newspaper. An excellent opportunity for the public to recognize and connect with you and your art. First come first serve. Contact **Liz** to sign up for your month.

Please note for the month of June the members gallery will be used by the students in the AYAC Competition.

On-Line Gallery

You can also show on the website in the members gallery. Send photos of your artwork and bio to **Angel**.

Biographies/Member statement

Promote your art by letting the public know who you are by posting your story with your art at each event. Start with this link [Bio questionnaire](#).

For assistance or to submit your bio contact Katherine at kehicks100@gmail.com

What's Happening

Make sure you check out our website www.LeducArtClub.com for details.

- ❖ Reaching for Mastery with Cindy Revell
- ❖ Figurative Drawing Sessions (live model)
- ❖ Acrylic Impressionism Landscape with Mariam Qureshi
- ❖ Focus on Landscape Using Watercolour on Yupo Paper
- ❖ Children art classes with David Shkolny
- ❖ Textured Landscape with samantha Williams-Chaelski

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How Can I Help Build My Club?

The hours volunteered by our members are necessary to continue the

many activities enjoyed by our club and the community of Leduc and surrounding areas. They are also documented for grant opportunities which keeps our due fees low.

You are encouraged to help as much or as little as you can to help make our club a success.

Needed:

Notifiers to call members regarding upcoming events, cancellations, etc. 1 - 2hr/mo.
Contact **Ken** if you have any questions

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