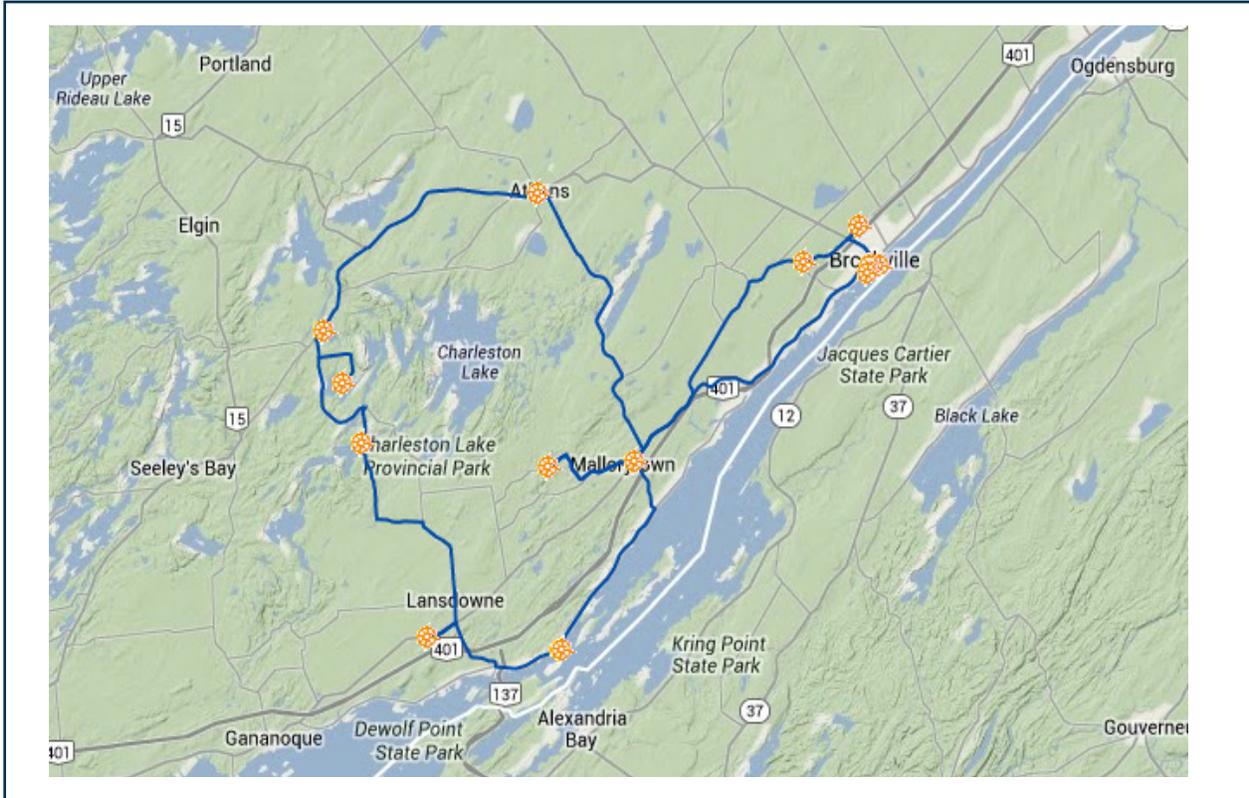




FAB EXPERIENCES

Eastern Ontario, Canada

Experience Arts West



Tour Description

See the Frontenac Arch Biosphere through the eyes of artists and artisans. Naturally rich, a history reaching 9,000 years into the past, and a rural charm that has escaped the feverish pace of this century - the Frontenac Arch inspires one of the highest per capita artist populations in Canada.

On this tour, find artists at their galleries, in theatres, in their studios and at community hot spots. Note that some locations have business hours listed; others may be by appointment, advising you to call. One needs to be somewhat flexible - consider it a chance to get to know the artists, and art scene of the region.

The route will take you off the beaten path, to the laneways leading to where art lives. Immerse yourself in the arts scene. Bring your brushes, have your camera ready. Inspiration awaits around every corner. The tour suggests places along the route where you may find inspiration of your own.

1. Brockville Waterfront

Lat: 44.58695
Long: -75.68076

Brockville's historic downtown and waterfront are themselves an artist's inspiration. Whether committed to memory, canvas or digital memory, the old courthouse and green, city hall and waterfront at Blockhouse Island are a great place to start the day.

Driving directions: From Blockhouse Island, turn left on Water St., onto Broad St., across King St. which becomes Court House Av.; follow to Wall St to stop sign, turn left onto Pearl St.; one block to Stewart Blvd., north to Parkdale Ave.; turn right on Parkdale 1 km. to St. Lawrence College Campus, on left. Park in front, for gallery inside main front door.

Notes:

2. Marianne van Silfout Gallery

Lat: 44.60762
Long: -75.697138

Tel: 613-345-0660

St. Lawrence College at Brockville's north end has an exceptional gallery space, and mounts, year 'round, excellent exhibits. Many feature area artists and organized by theme. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 am. 2288 Parkdale Ave.

Driving Directions: Head west (turn right from college) on Parkdale Ave., drive 4.4 km. to Lyn Rd.; utrn left to Inspirations Gallery, 100 metres on right.

Notes:

3. Inspiration Gallery

Lat: 44.58805
Long: -75.74164

Tel: 613-342-5548

Professional artist Sheila Ballantyne and craftsman George Hurst' studio and gallery is a tour of art inspired by nature. Sheila's paintings and George's wood furniture and sculpture reflect their love and respect for the wildlife, forests and landscape of the Frontenac Arch Biosphere region. Quite often, visitors see varied work from guest artists as well. A working studio, drop-ins are welcome, but phone ahead unless by chance. 2490 Lyn Rd.

Driving directions: Head north on Lyn Rd. to intersection with Route 27/46, turn left; drive 2.3 km. to Lyn; Cedar Lawn Art Studio on right, at intersection with Perth St.

Notes:

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4. Balleycanoe & Co.

Lat: 44.478111

Long: -75.94483

Tel: 613-659-3874

Balleycanoe & Co. is doubly interesting to visit. The folk style of John Sorensen's art is an often playful and whimsical view on dance, architecture, and art itself. Balleycanoe & Co. is also a business that houses an unbelievably extensive assemblage of architectural materials—from shutters to stairways, trim, doors and doorways, ceilings to floors—and draws not only restorers, but artists who create new art from the sentiment of buildings of our historic past. 150 Rockfiled Rd., Mallorytown

Driving directions: Follow Cnty. Rd. 4 back to Cnty. Rd. 2 at Mallorytown, turn left; continue 1.4 km., turn left onto Cnty. Rd. 5, north; continue 18.9 km. to Athens at Cnty. Rd. 42/Main St., turn left; Joshua Bates Centre 400 metres, on left, park and explore.

Notes:

5. Athens Murals

Lat: 44.625707

Long: -75.952565

Fading with time, the many murals painted on the outside walls of stores and public buildings in Athens are a visual memoir and tribute to the founders of the village, and its story. Stop and stroll the mainstreet, and look deep into the murals for the faces of the people, and the intricacies of the landscape and community that inspired the events to be captured as large as life. Suggested parking at Joshua Bates Centre, Main St.

Driving directions: Continue west on Cnty. Rd. 42 12.4 km. to Cnty. Rd. 33, turn left; continue 6 km. on Cnty. Rd. 33 to village of Lyndhurst, and Green Gecko, on right.

Notes:

6. Green Gecko

Lat: 44.550981

Long: -76.123413

Tel: 613-928-1196

The Green Gecko shop in the village of Lyndhurst is a store and gallery of the works of local artists such as potter Christa Cameron, photographer John Truyen and international artists and crafts people. New works are always being added. As well, the Green Gecko features FAB Local Flavours honey, jams and preserves. 436 Lyndhurst R., Lyndhurst

Driving directions: Continue west on Lyndhurst Rd./Cnty. Rd. 33 through Lyndhurst 800 metres, turn left onto Cnty. Rd. 3; continue south on Cnty. Rd. 3 for 1.1 km.; turn left onto Red Horse Lake Rd.; continue 3.4 Km. to Long Reach Lane and Chadwick Art House.

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<p>7. Chadwick Art House</p> <p>Lat: 44.52336 Long: -76.10819</p> <p>Tel: 613-387-3366</p>	<p>“Phil the Forecaster” has been a professional meteorologist since the mid 1970s, but throughout, painting has been a passion. Phil is an avid plein air painter—his works strong, colourful and Canadiana—and reflecting his profession, often vividly capturing the effects of weather on water, land and lighting. The studio is open all year, by appointment – Phil may be off on a painting outing, so call ahead. 9 Long Reach Lane.</p> <p><i>Driving directions: Head back to Cnty. Rd. 3, turn left; continue south 6.4 Km., turn right onto Black Rapids Rd.; head south 2.4 km. to Hickory Lane, turn right 130 metres, turn right onto Spruce Lane and the Oval Office in 75 metres.</i></p> <p>Notes:</p>
<p>8. The Oval Office</p> <p>Lat: 44.490774 Long: -76.092773</p> <p>Tel: 613-650-9604</p>	<p>Mike O’Connor’s works and paintings are dynamic, and eclectic—landscapes, arm life and people. Mike’s oval studio is down a wooded path, at the end of a wooded laneway. While he could be open all year, phone “the office” in advance to be sure he’s in. 940 Spruce Lane</p> <p><i>Driving directions: Follow Spruce Lane to Hickory Lane, to Black Rapids Rd., turn right onto Black Rapids Rd.; continue 3.7 km. to Russell Rd., continue 1.3 Km. to Dulcemaine Rd., turn left; continue 2.9 km. to Cnty. Rd. 3, turn right; continue 7 km. through Lansdowne to Cnty. Rd. 2, turn left, continue 2.1 km. to studio, on left.</i></p> <p>Notes:</p>
<p>9. Three Horse Art Studio</p> <p>Lat: 44.385742 Long: -76.041089</p> <p>Tel: 613-659-4054</p>	<p>Karen Bockus’ art captures the essence and character of life and landscape in the Frontenac Arch Biosphere. Her paintings helped drive a successful Ducks Unlimited conservation fundraising effort. Of special interest are horses, of her own and of the community. Calling ahead, make an appointment to the Three Horse Studio, or see her art on the walls of the nearby Rapid Valley Restaurant, and Country Living Studio in Lansdowne. 859 Cnty. Rd. 2, Lansdowne</p> <p><i>Driving directions: Head back east on Cnty. Rd. 2, 2.1 km. to Cnty. Rd. 3/Reynolds Rd., turn right; continue south 4.2 km. to Thousand Islands Parkway, turn left; continue 4.3 km. east on Parkway to Rockport entrance archway, on right; turn right onto Front St., to Summerhouse Studio, 120 metres on left.</i></p> <p>Notes:</p>

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10. Summerhouse Studio

Lat: 44.379056
Long: -75.934858

Tel: 613-659-3415

Margot Millar is a fabric artist, working from her quaint and picturesque studio in the village of Rockport. Her silkscreened and hand-painted cotton and linen clothing and floor cloths are elegant and highly artistic, a reflection on her professionalism and dedication to the arts. Margot as well holds workshops, sharing her talent and knowledge. Call ahead. 12 Front St., Rockport

Driving directions: Continue towards river on Front St., to Paint Box Gallery, on left beside general store

Notes:

11. The Paint Box Gallery

Lat: 44.37873
Long: -75.933777

Tel: 613-659-3925

Precise craftsmanship, rich colour, texture and originality shine from each piece of Deborah Sherman's works in stained glass. The Paint Box Gallery is located in the village of Rockport, beside the old general store at the waterfront. 29 Front St. Rockport

Driving directions: Continue east on Thousand Islands Parkway to Mallorytown Road. Turn left; continue north to Cnty. Rd. 2. Turn left; Mallory Coach House will be on the left.

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12. Mallory Coach House

Lat: 44.480445
Long: -75.87544

Tel: 613-923-5140

Built in 1853, the Mallory Coach House is one of the historic homes in the village of Mallorytown, on County Road 2. Through the generosity and enthusiasm of area residents, the Mallory Coach House has become a museum, art gallery and centre of community events and fairs. It is open Sunday afternoons, through the summer. View the building and delightful grounds any time. 1523 Cnty. Rd. 2, Mallorytown

Driving directions: Head east on Cnty. Rd. 2 20.5 km to Brockville, and Cnty. Rd. 2 becomes King St. in Brockville; turn right onto Kincaid St, after first stop light, Kincaid Gallery 60 metres on right.

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13. Kincaid Gallery

Lat: 44.587368
Long: -75.686934

Tel: 613-349-5655

Larry Sherman is one of the fixtures of the art scene in Brockville. At his Kincaid Street studio and gallery there has been an essential record of the rural Canadian landscape, especially of this region. Larry's handling of detail, light and composition blend folk and realism in his art, often exhibited in Ontario cities. 20 Kincaid St., Brockville

Driving directions: Continue south on Kincaid St. to Water St., turn right; follow Water St. west 190 metres to Paul St., turn left; one block to Jessie St., turn right, continue 350 metres to intersection with Ann St.; destination at west side of intersection.

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14. Celia Kainz

Lat: 44.582815
Long: -75.690936

Tel: 613-342-7031

Celia's light-filled home studio is vibrantly alive with dynamic and richly colourful paintings. Joy, excitement and pleasure are the underlying mood of her work, inspired by her observations of the world as she sees it. A conversation with Celia is in itself a pleasure, and she shares her extensive knowledge of the development of the region's arts community. Open by appointment. 22 Ann St., Brockville

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15. Brockville Arts Centre

Lat: 44.58672
Long: -75.68925

Tel: 613-342-7122

The present Brockville Arts Centre on King Street West was built in 1858 to be a town hall, market place and fire engine house. In 1880, the town hall was moved to a new location, allowing for the creation of Brockville's first real theatre called "The Opera House". It was expanded in 1911 with a tall fly tower, spacious dressing rooms and the third largest stage in Canada, and renamed "New Theatre". A fire destroyed the auditorium in 1937, but fortunately, the proscenium's asbestos curtain saves the huge stage, backstage area and fly tower. The renovated building reopened as a motion-picture theatre called "The Regent", but was transformed again as a venue for local theatre groups and professional touring companies in 1960. The projection booth still houses the two massive carbon-arc 35 millimeter film projectors, used for special screenings. Today, the auditorium has been restored to reflect the original theatre's grand old days, and one of the country's finest theatre venues. 235 King St. West, Brockville

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