

## AGM – Board Update

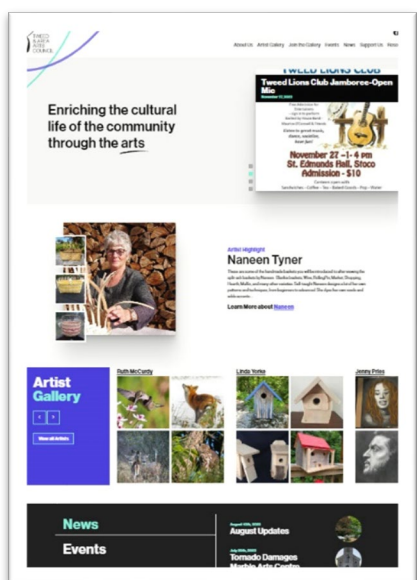
We held our Annual General Meeting on November 7 via Zoom. We bid farewell to two Board members:

- Founding Board member / retiring Vice Chair Roely DeVries
- Mayor-Elect Don DeGenova

Sincere thanks for all that you both have brought to our table, and best wishes on your next adventures!

Welcome to new Board member Tracey Edwards, a stained glass artist who has recently moved to the Tweed area. To sustain and grow, we need to continue to engage new volunteers and build capacity to produce, promote, and support the arts. We will be reaching out to the community to recruit those who would like to get involved, in any capacity, large or small – on the Board or a sub-committee, or to contribute any special skills you may have. In the meantime, please email us ([contactus@tweedartscouncil.ca](mailto:contactus@tweedartscouncil.ca)), take a look at the Strategic Plan on our new website, but please let us know your ideas or how you may wish to be involved.

## Looking Forward to 2023



With our new Strategic Plan, we are moving into our next chapter. There is an opportunity for the T&AAC to refocus and grow. *Our vision:* Enriching the cultural life of the community through the arts. *We will:*

- Foster connections with and between artists and the community
- Produce, promote, and support arts experiences
- Collaborate to raise awareness of the arts
- Encourage participation of all in the arts

We have been reaching out to local arts organizations about how we might provide support and work together, and will continue to do so over the winter. Let us know if you have suggestions in this regard!

Art in the Park has been scheduled for Saturday August 5 – so ‘mark your calendars’. Please help us build our website’s *Artist Gallery*: profile your work, tell the audience about you and your creative expertise, and connect with others. All genres and levels of experience are welcome. Use the form on the site to submit your information - it is all free! The site also features an event calendar – so let us know about your arts-related events.

## 2022 – A Time of Change

It has been a year of positive change, with some year-end highlights below:

The **transfer of the ownership of the Marble Arts Centre** to Tweed & Co. Theatre in January 2022 lifted financial and maintenance burdens. The successful accessibility grant for electrical door openers led by Nicole Flynn and Bonnie Marentette, and the Parrot Foundation grant for a new furnace led by Bob Giguere were also transferred with the MAC to Tweed & Co. in January, and have been fully implemented.

With the lifting of pandemic restrictions, we were able to offer **programming**. Art in the Park/ the fish fry returned this summer after 3 years with more than 30 vendors, local musicians, and a Children’s Art Area. An estimated 400 to 500 people circulated through the Park. A number of concerts/events were held at the MAC: Long Range Hustle; two Ontario Festival of Small Halls (Silent Winters; Irish Mythen); Daniel Champagne; and the MAC 10+1 Anniversary Celebration with Tweed & Co. Theatre.

### We have maintained our profile in the community:

- T&AAC successfully nominated:
  - Founding Board member / retiring Vice Chair Roely DeVries for Municipality of Tweed’s ‘Volunteer of the Year’ award in October 2022, in recognition of 40+ years of contributions to arts and culture in our community
  - Tweed & Co. Theatre for Quinte Arts Council’s annual Arts Recognition Award – one of five recipients in September 2022



- Memberships in the Quinte Arts Council, Tweed & Area Chamber of Commerce
- The T&AAC team raised over \$2,000 for the May 2022 Walk for Alzheimers! We donated a pair of tickets to the Daniel Champagne concert as a door prize for participants.
- We'll be walking in the Santa Claus parade on Sat. Dec. 3 as part of the community Christmas, and enjoying the Festival of Trees, several craft shows/luncheons, and other events / activities!

We wrapped up an **Ontario Trillium Foundation grant** this spring and launched a new website (Spring 2022), Strategic Plan (February 2022), and Marketing & Communications Plan (May 2022).

**Donations/ Partnerships/ Sponsorships** (just over \$2,100 in 2022) included the Festival of Trees, the Front Porch Ruckus, Tweed & Area Studio Tour, Tweed & Co., Tweed Lions' Music in the Park, and the Land o' Lakes Curling Club.

**Members & volunteers** continue to support us— our board, members, those who help organize and implement events – we literally could not do this work without you! In 2022, we had approximately 45 members (individuals, families, organizations). The estimate of the volunteer hours (not including Board members) for 2022 is 150 hours. Our Board put in over 1,000 hours (but don't let that scare you off 😊).

## *Daniel Champagne October 6*

Rescheduled 3 times due to the pandemic, on this special night at the Marble Arts Centre Australian guitar virtuoso Daniel Champagne and guest Mia Kelly wowed a full house with their amazing talent! The audience came from near and far; many were at the MAC for their first time. Thanks Tweed & Company Theatre for your support, and the team of volunteers that made it such a great success...especially @skootamattahouse for a wonderful meal and hosting special guests.



## *MAC 10+1 Anniversary Celebration*



A good time was had by all at MAC 10+1 Anniversary Celebration that we co-hosted with Tweed & Company Theatre on Sunday October 16. Open house entertainment included Pat Chappelle and Sandra Pettit, members of the Gateway Youth Jazz Ensemble, and the Rebel of Hungerford /Torbie Kagmire. The Young Family Band then hosted the Gary & Alberta Young Memorial Jamboree and a variety of guests. The

Young Family have supported the Marble Arts Centre since Day 1! All proceeds from the Jamboree will go to the Jazz Ensemble, the Arts Council and Tweed & Company. Thanks everyone for your support past, present, and future!



## *Tweed & Co. Theatre Update*

Our friends at Tweed & Company are wrapping up their 2022 season with Christmas shows, including fiddle/step dance champions the Fitzgeralds on Dec. 22. Their first-ever family holiday musical 'Cinder- Ellie' runs Dec. 6-10<sup>th</sup>, and has a fantastic cast (including Young Company members) and creative team that includes many favourites like Tricia Black, Danielle Leger, and James King that you have enjoyed over the years. These shows will be so much fun! Buy your tix at [tweedandcompany.com](http://tweedandcompany.com) or call the box office at 613.478.6060.