

GALLERY CONNEXION

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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED TO JOHN LEROUX AND CAROL COLLICUTT

Gallery Connexion held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Chestnut Complex. At the meeting, John Leroux and Carol Collicutt were awarded lifetime memberships to Gallery Connexion. These are the first two lifetime memberships awarded and represent a new category of support in recognition of an outstanding level of professional service donated to the gallery.

John Leroux received the award for providing space planning and a detailed architectural design for the Chestnut Complex. Working from a wish_list provided by the board of directors, John successfully designed the layout of the Chestnut to include a main gallery, a secondary gallery, a performance area and café, and studio/office space for rent.

Carol Collicutt received the award for her services rendered as President, volunteer, supporter and advocate of Gallery Connexion. This lifetime membership is to honor and recognize the confidence, devotion, guidance and assistance freely given that helped the gallery survive and reach two important milestones, its 25th anniversary and move into a new home.

Carol Collicutt stepped down as president at the Annual General Meeting with vice-president John MacDermid stepping in to fill this position. Collicutt will remain on the board as past president. Paul McAllister was nominated as vice-president, WhiteFeather re-nominated for secretary and Rita Sassani re-nominated as treasurer to complete the executive for the 2009/2010 year. Board members Kim Vose Jones, Terry Graff, Troy Haines, Ann Manuel, and Cat LeBlanc have been re-elected, and the board would like to welcome two new board members, Adam MacDonald and Julie Scriver. Co-founding member of Gallery Connexion, Lucille Robichaud, resigned from the board. We would like to thank her for her significant contribution as head of the selections committee. She has been responsible for the high quality and wide range of work shown at Gallery Connexion over the last 5 years.

MacDonald will head the membership and communication committee and Collicutt will take over the selections committee. McAllister assumes responsibility for the programming committee and Sassani will head the Annex Gallery committee. Manuel will head the policy committee. Gallery Connexion members are encouraged to join any of the above committees. The board of directors of Gallery Connexion is looking forward to a new and exciting year in the Chestnut Complex, now scheduled to open in January 2010.

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