

HIDDEN VALLEY ART SHOW

As many of you may know our long time members, Daphne and Gordon Nicholls, have worked tirelessly for years to preserve the integrity of Hidden Valley in Kitchener. Unfortunately Daphne did not live long enough to follow through on her plans to showcase the beauty and value of this incredible area. She hoped that another art show would inspire others to help in the protection of the forests, wetlands and fields from development.

We are pleased to announce that Gord and several of Daphne's friends have taken up where Daphne left off, and have helped to organize a juried art show, "Hidden Valley Revealed", that will take place at Homer Watson House & Gallery September 16 through to October 22, 2017. Whether it be the amazing vistas, the wonderful wildflowers or the diversity of wildlife, every aspect of Hidden Valley represents a jewel worth preserving, and we hope this art show will help to garner public support for its protection in perpetuity.

To read some of the historical perspectives on the struggles to protect the 200 acres of Hidden Valley with further descriptions of this amazing area, Gord has created a website: <https://sites.google.com/site/hiddenvalleyorg/Home>, and many photos have also been posted on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/HiddenValleyRevealed>

For this juried show, all mediums will be accepted. The pre-registration deadline is August 30th, 2017. Submission details are on the Homer Watson House & Gallery website www.homerwatson.on.ca. Further enquiries can be directed to Deb Swidrovich (519-746-5287) or Anne Morgan (519-747-4049)

So, for all the talented artists in our WRN group, please think about submitting an original piece of art inspired by any aspect of Hidden Valley in any season; and to our membership, we hope you will all come out to the show and support the protection of Hidden Valley.

The following expresses the wishes and intense feelings that Daphne Nicholls had for Hidden Valley.



The purpose of the show is to highlight aspects of Hidden Valley, Kitchener.
Art work will relate specifically to

Hidden Valley:
the woods, fields, and wetlands;
the mature oaks, maples, cherries, beeches, and hemlock groves;
the ephemeral pools in spring, where Jefferson salamanders mate;
endangered species at risk
including Jefferson salamanders, little brown bats, and butternut trees;
and threatened species
including barn swallows and chimney swifts;
species of concern
including bald eagles, Canada warblers, common nighthawks, Eastern wood pewee,
Eastern milk snake, monarch butterfly, and snapping turtle;
regionally significant
Wood's sedge and fringed gentian;
the many wildflowers;
the migratory waterfowl;
the creeks that flow to the Grand and contribute to the Region's drinking water;
the hills and valleys that are part of the Waterloo moraine and filter and store our water.

Best wishes to you all, and to Hidden Valley!
Daphne Nicholls