

Red Door Gallery receives \$74,000 Trillium Grant

Red Door Gallery, now located at 69 Main St. S. in Georgetown, will re-open its doors in June thanks to a one-year, \$74,800 Seed grant made by the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable (HHCR).

This is great news for the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable, said Ted Amott, MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills. I want to express my thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation and thank everyone involved with the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable for their outstanding support of the arts in our community.

Congratulations to the Red Door Gallery on their successful OTF grant application, said Chris MacEwan, HHCR Chairperson. This will ensure that artists have a complete package for presentation of their work; room to display a variety of mediums used, space for learning opportunities for visual artists, and part-time staff to co-

ordinate a varied schedule. The brand of the Red Door Gallery became well known during its initial set up. Cultural tourists visited the gallery and commented on its quality of shows and its central downtown location. HHCR is delighted to share this good news!

The BIA is very excited the Red Door Gallery is choosing to stay Downtown, especially after putting in a lot of effort into their previous location and not being able to utilize that space long term, said Wendy Farrow-Reed, manager of the Georgetown Downtown Business Improvement Area.

It is reassuring that OTF has faith in the Red Door, the volunteers and the community to award the grant. The Red Door Gallery will once again have a unique space for the artists to showcase their work. Without the hard work and dedication of the Red Door Team, and some collaborative partners this would not have been possible. Con-

gratulations and well deserved.

Red Door Gallery is also grateful for the contribution Doug Pattison of Silvercreek Commercial Builders Inc. Pattison offered the new one-year location at a subsidized rate, and will help prepare the space alongside Red Door Gallery tradesmen and volunteers.

A gallery like Red Door helps to retain the character, vibrance and charm of our historic downtown area. We look forward to partnering with Red Door Gallery to show the best of GTA West artists work, said Pattison.

The OTF grant, along with the gallery's self-generated rental and fundraising income, will enable the gallery to build on its first-year successes; 15 art shows, six major events including youth, spoken word, acoustic and ALS fundraising events.

Support from OTF and local buyers of original Canadian art is essential if we are to keep our creative economy



alive and galleries in our communities. Buying art needn't be expensive or intimidating; you just need to love it, said Kate McGowan, manager.

The gallery will reopen with a new board, part time staff and volunteers. The 2016-17 art show calendar will be supplemented by music performances and spoken word evenings, as well as a day time seniors program and paint nights. Studios for emerging artists and artist in residence spots will also be available. To get involved, to

apply for a show or studio, email info@reddoorgallery.ca

For further updates, visit www.reddoorgallery.ca or follow Red Door Gallery on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The leading grantmaking foundation in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities.

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