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QAC recognizes five outstanding supporters of the arts

The Quinte Arts Council is celebrating 52 years of fostering and promoting the arts, and Thursday they hosted their 25th annual Luncheon for the Arts and 2019 Quinte Arts Recognition Awards at Dinkel's restaurant in downtown Belleville.

The Luncheon for the Arts recognizes those who have made a difference in the region. Art and culture play an important role in defining who we are as a community, and contribute to a healthy local economy and lifestyle for those who live and work in the area. This year five local leaders were recognized for their accomplishments and their support of the arts across the Quinte region.

"Without exception, these individuals are making Quinte a destination for those craving a vibrant arts and culture scene," stated executive director Janet Jarrell.

This year's art awards recipients included: Catherine Taylor, artistic director at the Quinte Ballet School of Canada (nominated by Christina Taylor); Dave Bush, organizer of Front Porch Shenanigans in Stirling (nominated by Sam Brady); Holly Dewar, committee chairperson for Belleville DocFest (nominated by Frank Gielen); Andrea Kerr, arts education coordinator for the Hastings Prince Edward District School Board (nominated by Liane Woodley); and Belleville