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AT KINGSWAY-LAMBTON UNITED CHURCH

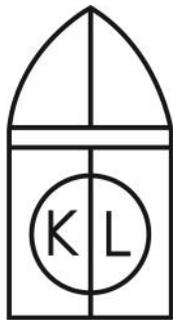
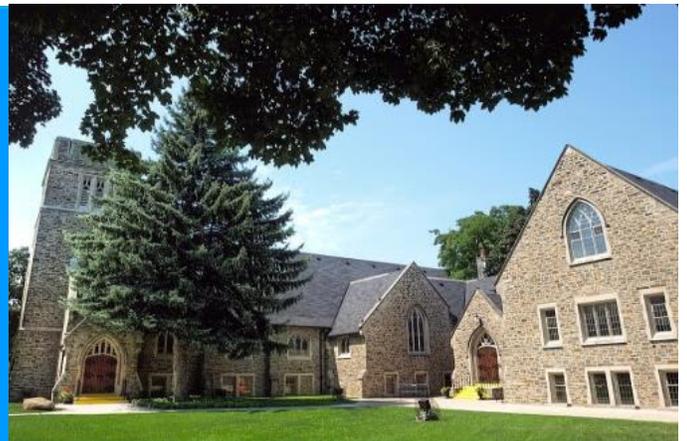
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The 84th Annual Christmas Pageant Goes Virtual!

by Donna-Lee Waymann

Thank you cast, crew, parents, alumni and viewers for joining in our very special 84th annual Christmas Pageant. The virtual 2020 pageant is available on YouTube at [this link](#).

This year's presentation of "**A Child Is Born**" was initially threatened with cancellation - not by Herod, but by the villain known as Covid-19. The pageant team felt, however, that in these challenging times, our young people, families, friends, and community needed more than ever the reassuring message of hope and joy embodied in this much-loved tradition. Not even a global pandemic could stop the 84th annual Christmas Pageant! To celebrate the resilience and continuity of the message of love and hope, we created a virtual performance.



*Gwladys Martin -
first Mary in 1937*

While still keeping our young people front and centre, the video format allowed us to welcome back former cast members from the past eight decades, from anywhere in the world, to make a special cameo appearance. This included **Gwladys Martin**, who played the role of the first Mary in the 1937 version of the pageant! You'll see in the opening credits a reel of 53 alumni - returning Marys, Josephs, Shepherds, Herods, and Angels. We also received numerous written responses from others who shared their treasured childhood memories.

This year, Rev Hugh revised the pageant script, and added five "narrative reflections". These narratives were read by various returning alumni and offered greater context to this year's pageant story. You may have seen some of the fun promo pageant teaser ads that saw costumed characters gracing the streets and local establishments of The Kingsway.

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Ian Grundy, KLUC's Director of Music Ministry managed and coordinated our pageant choirs, virtually. He recruited the beautiful voices of two senior choir soloists, **Emily Parker** and **Anika-France Forget**, who created practice tapes for our young singers. With the help of their parents and these tapes, the children rehearsed and recorded the songs at home and then uploaded them to Ian who, using his technical gifts, merged the voices into this year's pageant choirs. A true Christmas miracle!

Our young cast and crew embraced the new pageant experience with enthusiasm through weeks of Zoom call rehearsals and outdoor filming sessions. Both presented challenges such as no practiced choreography and background noise of wind, traffic, and leaf blowers! None of this phased our participants, who instead found humour in the little glitches.



Outtake 3 promo teaser - Kings Procession in The Kingsway - didn't sign up or this long trek!



Outtake 1 promo teaser - Starbucks local gossips - "What's Up With Mary?"



Esther Reid, our Costume Queen, with Angel Gabriel, Andie and her mom



Masked videographer - John O'Reilly

This year even had silver linings - no costume fittings (Esther just made it work), no messy makeup, no itchy beards, and no pressure to deliver lines perfectly because we could always "take two". Behind the scenes, our high school volunteer videographer, **John O'Reilly**, captured hours of raw footage, which was then masterfully edited by **Kai Leung** to create our final 2020 virtual version.

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At the time of printing, the YouTube video has almost 1,400 views. If you haven't yet, check out and share this beautiful message! Our motto from the beginning was that this year's Pageant, with God's guiding hand, would be "perfect in its imperfections". And it was.

"May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child."

Donna-Lee W., Angela S., and Louis M.
And the 2020 KLUC Christmas Pageant Committee



Cameo appearances from Christmas Pageant cast members of the past



Scenes from the virtual Pageant



Angel choir, 1960s



When Waiting is Not Waiting

*“And blessed is she who believed that there would be
a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”
Luke 1:45*



Christmas began early this year. I heard from and read of many people who put up Christmas lights and decorations weeks ahead of usual. Businesses followed suit. I was in a pharmacy before Remembrance Day and when the “muzak” started the woman beside me lifted up a prayer saying, “O God, Christmas carols”. The common motivation is that this is such a gloomy year, we need to inject some light, a little joy as soon as we can into the darkness. I cannot fault the reasoning.

But Advent is a Season where we’re supposed to learn to wait well. To wait in such a way that our waiting isn’t waiting but preparation for what is sure to come. “Preparing the way,” “making paths straight,” filling valleys, and smoothing rough places, literally and figuratively, is time consuming. We wait by doing things with meaning. We don’t look beyond this time but use it and value it.

We passed an important anniversary in the opening days of December. December 1st, 1955, 65 years ago, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus and four days later, the Montgomery bus boycott began. The boycott lasted 381 days. People were waiting for rights far too long denied them, but they were actively waiting. Doing something to bring about the desired end. The boycott was successful, but people of colour, indigenous people and their allies are still waiting, actively.

With COVID-19, we aren’t close to 381 days yet let alone 400 years. But our ability to wait seems exhausted. People want to stop caring about their families and their neighbours and insist on their inalienable right to infect others and be infected. The funny thing is that if we showed some discipline, this thing would be over in 14 days, but people must have parties in storage containers and eat inside in BBQ restaurants. Sigh. It keeps those who must care for others in business. Our hospitals and ICU’s are packing them in!



The Advent Season does bring light in a dark time. It declares the true light has come in Jesus Christ and by that light we can prepare for God’s future. We prepare by loving one another. If we do that well, we won’t notice the time passing, in fact, it will pass very well, with a lot of joy, peace, and abundant life. I don’t think it will feel like waiting at all. We might discover that the kingdom is already in our midst.

Merry Christmas, no waiting,

Rev. Hugh



Advent: For the Ones Who Know Longing

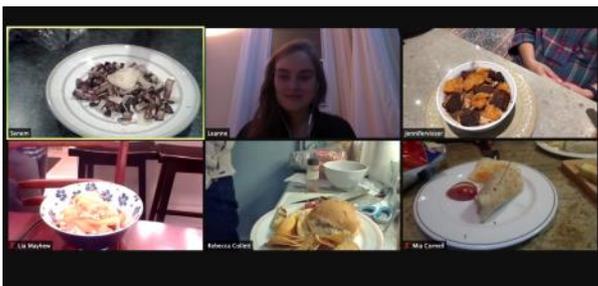
by Rev. Leanne Ketcham, Youth Minister

Advent is typically marked as a season of waiting— we remember God’s vulnerable entrance in baby Jesus, and wait for Jesus’s return to set the world right. This waiting between these two arrivals evokes a feeling of longing. We live in a world created for goodness, but in human volition and sin has often missed the mark. There are so very, very many things we long for in this season of waiting.

Do you remember the story of Hansel and Gretel who left a trail of bread crumbs so they could get back home? In the longing and waiting, I believe that God still serves up our daily bread with enough breadcrumbs to sustain our hope as we wait and long for a world set right. May these stories of what Teen Drop In has been up to over the past several months be breadcrumbs for you today, reminders that God is with us even as we long for a different world.

In the Spring, the teens of Kingsway-Lambton were often found, like so many of us, on Zoom, having epic scavenger hunts and playing games. We spent a lot of weeks naming the griefs and losses we experienced as pivotal events like prom, graduation, and school trips were cancelled. We celebrated each other’s birthdays and commiserated over distance learning. We took to heart Paul’s instruction in Romans 12:15 to “Rejoice with those who are rejoicing, and mourn with those who are mourning.”

In the summer, the teens of Kingsway-Lambton were usually found on the KLUC lawn waiting on the sun to go down so we could have an outdoor, distanced movie night. We watched (and sang) to movies *Hamilton*, *The Greatest Showman*, and *Mulan*. We also dug into conversations about racism, faith, and justice, reflecting on racism in Canada and in the United States. We ate too much popcorn, and got really good at finding heavy objects to keep the projector screen upright in the wind. (Big thanks to Ali and Santiago for helping us manage the equipment and tech every movie night!)



In the fall, the teens of Kingsway-Lambton were usually found back on Zoom as Covid-19 cases increased. Our online confirmation cohort kicked things off in September with a whopping ten teens journeying together to ask deep questions about God and life. Our monthly conversations on Jesus and Justice continue to spark growth as we seek to follow Jesus in loving our neighbor. And we also had a whole lot of fun, with some fierce competition in Trivia nights and

our version of the hit show *Chopped*. (See the photo for some of our creative delicacies!)

This winter, Teen Drop In also welcomes Alana Martin, minister of The GO Project (www.thegoproject.ca), who will give leadership to the youth ministry while I am on maternity leave until mid-March. Alana brings a wealth of spiritual and relational gifts, as well as a witty and loving demeanor. I am personally grateful to Alana, Jennifer Visser, and to Kingsway-Lambton for making my maternity leave possible.





Schedule of Services over the Christmas Season

Sunday 10:00am Services

We gather together on Sunday and follow a form of worship designed to create a sense of community. We are now in the season of Advent. Below are the online services Rev. Hugh Reid will be leading over the Christmas season.

- Sunday, December 20th – Advent 4 – Love
- Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve, 6:02pm – Re-broadcast Pageant
- Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve, 10:30pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- Sunday, December 27th – First after Christmas – repeat Christmas Eve Service
- Sunday, January 3rd – No service, but services will be available online www.hvuc.ca, www.metunited.org or www.trinitystpauls.ca

These services will be available on our [YouTube page](#).

Fresh Start Services on Zoom

Sundays 8:45 - 9:30am

Recharge – Reenergize – Reconnect

- Sunday, December 20th – Rev. Hugh D. Reid
- Sunday, December 27th – NO SERVICE
- Sunday, January 3rd – Rev. Stephen Milton
- Sunday, January 10th – Rev. Dr. Paul Wilson

Details for how to join can be found on page 13 [and on our website](#).



The Warmth Initiative

by Judy Collinson



With many generous donors and a mighty team of volunteers, we were able to help thousands of vulnerable people when the need has never been greater because of the pandemic.

In early November, The Warmth Initiative launched and soon a mountain of donations grew in the KLUC gym. Before month-end volunteers delivered:

- ✦ 700 beautiful hand-sewn fleece toques (the sewers are still going strong with a target to sew 2,000 toques!)
- ✦ 500 hygiene kits (each containing 10 items such as shampoo, hand sanitizer, soap, deodorant, lotion, lip balm, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush, wash cloth, snack item)
- ✦ Over 1,000 warmth items including winter coats, gloves, mitts, hats, scarves and 500 pairs of socks (gathered by KLUC's teens!)
- ✦ Hundreds of portable snack food items

The five homelessness charities that are deeply grateful recipients are the **Fred Victor Centre**, **LOFT**, **Stonegate Ministry**, **Youth Without Shelter** and **Connect Ministry**. They are all doing the difficult work that is so desperately needed now to support the most disadvantaged people in our city.

A HUGE THANK YOU to each of you for donating and/or volunteering your time to make life a little better for thousands of people that are facing a very tough winter ahead.

We also want to gratefully acknowledge these major donors: **Mary Dalimonte Inc.**, **Procter & Gamble**, **Unilever**, **Neal Brothers**, **Johnvince Foods**, **Sunny Crunch**, **Dr. Yasmin Mawji** (dentist), **Dr John Maggiras** (dentist) and our incredible partners at **Gibson's Cleaners!**

Deane & Judy Collinson, Donna-Lee Waymann, Nancy McConnell, and Michelle Binns



Nancy McConnell and Michelle Binns packaging kits of fleece fabric for the toque sewers at Gibson's Cleaners.



Karen Neave and the Mayhew family assembling 250 Hygiene Kits!!



Keith Hambly, CEO of Fred Victor Centre and Katy Scherer, Sr Manager Community Engagement receiving 300 beautiful fleece toques!



El Hogar Projects — Finding Joy in the Midst of Struggle

by Sue Franklin, Chair, Honduras Missions

As the Christmas season is upon us, we particularly chose this time to remember and share with all who have less. My thoughts are always with the children and young people that we serve through our Honduras Mission.



The school, El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza and the Technical Institute have been closed for much of the year. But many of our young charges do not have a home or family to go to nor any way to look after themselves beyond our campuses. Forty-one of our kids have stayed at the elementary school for all of this year. Those that have a place to go have spent their school year struggling to keep up with their school work.

El Hogar Projects has done its best to ensure that the teens at home have equipment to keep up through online learning. El Hogar also worked very hard to ensure those children and teens off campus have proper nutrition and are safe. In addition to these struggles, Honduras has weathered two hurricanes inside of two weeks during the storm season.

But all is not a story of struggle, so much is a joyous story of sharing. Sharing food inside and outside of school property. Sharing with the kids at home the technology to be certain they do not fall behind at school. Sharing whatever can be given to the families of these at-home kids.

And through it all, our Honduras kids again demonstrate their resilience, their joy of the season and their love for all who care for them and support them. In celebration of the season of Christmas they recreated and shared with us the story of the Road to Bethlehem and the Nativity Scene. May we continue to be kind and generous to these delightful and amazing children and teens.

Susan Franklin



Official Board Report by Priscilla Knight, Chair

This has been a very trying year. It has impacted all of us greatly, including our church. While we always appreciate the work of the staff and the many volunteers, this year has really shown us what they are made of as they worked through the process of keeping our church vital during the pandemic.

Although many of us have not seen our Property Superintendent, **Santiago Duque** for some time, he has played a crucial role in keeping the church property in good condition by overseeing the building and the limited activities that have taken place. As well, his assistants, **Connie** and **Ali** have supported him. Both **Janet Riddell** and **Ed Mock** have provided the important administrative and financial support needed by arranging multiple Zoom meetings, ensuring members are updated on services and activities, maintaining financial records and researching applicable government subsidies, just to list a few.

Our ministers **Hugh Reid** and **Leanne Ketcham** and Director of Music Ministry, **Ian Grundy** have adapted the services to the changed environment by bringing the services to us virtually, a task that requires new skills and countless additional hours. Ian's skills at working with the audio files, meant that he was able to bring the voices of our talented lead soloists together to enhance the services. **David Winsor** has graciously agreed to continue to bring the all-important pastoral care to our members, doing so by phone rather than by in-person visits.

There are many lay leaders that I would like to thank, but in particular, I would like to thank the members of the Coordinating Committee who have met regularly throughout the last 10 months to ensure the services and activities can occur as appropriate. These leaders are **John Waymann**, Board of Trustees; **Susan Culver** and **Sheryl Macdonald**, Communications; **Mireille Khayat**, Financial Oversight; **Susan Franklin** and **John Franklin** G&G; **Jean Veitel**, M&P; **Horace Knight**, Nominating; **Jim Gallagher**, Property; **Charles Donley**, Regional Council; **Margaret Pace/Elizabeth Tomik**, Session; **Geoff Butler**, Stewards.

This has been a challenging year but fortunately, we have had an extraordinary group of people to get us through it. Thank you, staff and lay leaders and thank you, church members for continuing to support your church during this challenging time. I wish you a blessed Christmas and I hope to see you all, in person, as early as possible in 2021.



Stewardship Campaign

by Sue Franklin, Co-Chair, Gifts and Giving Committee

Stewardship is not a point in time. It is an every day, all year long, commitment to that which is important and meaningful in your life. We hope that Kingsway-Lambton fulfills that crucial role in your life.

Stewardship pledging did not end at the close of the Stewardship campaign, November 30th. Pledging is an essential part of the church's budget process, assisting in letting our financial team understand what can be expected in revenues to cover costs for the next year. If you have not submitted your pledge please do so by filling out and mailing the pledge card you received in November.



If it proves easier and more efficient for you, please call the office at 416-234-8224 ext. 22, or email your pledge to finance@kingswaylambton.ca. Ed Mock, our finance officer, will add your name and pledge to our growing list of committed supporters.

Thank you for your generosity to Kingsway-Lambton United Church.

Susan Franklin



Fresh Start Has Been Busy!

by Sheryl Macdonald, Co-Chair, Communications Committee

Our early service, Fresh Start, held has held its 8:45 am service on Sundays via Zoom since resuming in September. The live format has been very well received with 20-30 people attending per week. Interacting over Zoom allows the discussion portion of the service to be live and engaging, the gift of Fresh Start.



Fresh Start has also been very active with outreach and community events, despite our current virtual-only environment. The following very successful workshops were held this Fall:



A "Listening Circle and Conversation about Racism, Social Injustice and Personal Experiences" was held via Zoom on Friday Sept. 18th. It was led by Colin McCartney and Jordan Thoms of Connect City and hosted by Fresh Start, with an introduction by Horace Knight. Over 55 people attended, from Kingsway-Lambton and from a wide-reaching GTA community. It was a very insightful 1.5 hours, with many touching stories and some meaningful and constructive steps that we can all take to do our part in ending racism in our midst.

A 3-part "Film and Faith" event took place on October 23-25. It started Friday night with Steve Norton of screenfish.net facilitating a webinar discussion on Zoom on the fascinating relationship between film and faith and how film can be used to point to the love of Christ. This was followed up on Saturday night with a virtual movie screening of *Captain Marvel*. The conversation continued on Sunday at Fresh Start service with Steve as guest speaker. Approximately 25 people enjoyed this meaningful experience and unique perspective.



Property Report by Jim Gallagher, Chair, Property Committee

So, what is really happening at your church during this pandemic? Since the start of September, we have had the Nursery School safely recommence operations with full COVID protocols in place. We worked to introduce Reimagined services on a trial basis (they are now paused). We have hosted two weddings and sadly, two funerals. Most recently our building was the focal point for the highly successful Warmth Initiative.

As many of you have seen, Hugh, Ian, and Leanne have continued to produce our excellent online services from KLUC.

Since March, Santiago and his staff have continued to maintain the building with an increased attention our new and ever-changing hygiene and safety protocols. For entry to the building, Mask and Contact Tracing Protocols have been in place at Kingsway-Lambton since May. Santiago has been responsible for keeping the building running smoothly, scheduling safe entries for contractors and staff.

Your church is ready to receive you when the time is right to safely host our congregation.



Financial Update by Geoff Butler, Chair, Committee of Stewards

Financial results to October 31st continue to benefit from strong offering support by those who pledge during the annual Stewardship Campaign.

COVID-19 restrictions on access to the church building for services and other programs continue to have a negative impact on Open and Other Offering revenue, as well as some sources of rental income that we have enjoyed in the past.

Subsidies received under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program have offset the loss of traditional sources of revenue and helped to maintain our capacity to deliver virtual services and programs, and to maintain the building. The CEWS program has been extended to June 2021, although we expect the benefits received in the coming months to be at a much lower level due to program changes.

Operating expenses of \$618K at the end of October were \$42K below budget and are being carefully managed by all areas. Some of the significant favourable expense variance reflects savings related to the building closure (e.g. utility costs) that we would not expect to be repeated once we return to normal operations. At the end of October, we reported a small (\$1.1K) deficit for the year to date.

Many thanks are due to Ed Mock for his diligent management of our financial affairs.

Jim Gallagher and the property team continue to provide excellent oversight and management of the church building and property. Please see Jim's article, above, for more information.

Report of the Nominating Committee by Horace Knight, Chair, Nominating Committee

I would like to extend an invitation to all members of the congregation to support our church by agreeing to serve in one of the roles where we currently have vacancies.

Our church is run mainly by collection of volunteers. The volunteers include chairs of committees as well as members of Session, Stewards, Official Board, Choir, Pastoral Care Committee, Fresh Start Steering Committee to name just a few of the groups that need support. Not only are these people supporting the broader organization, they are also meeting new people while developing new and lasting relationships.

Currently our vacancy list includes the following:

- ◇ Chair of the Official Board
- ◇ Treasurer
- ◇ Gifts & Giving Co-Chair, Legacy
- ◇ Communications Co-Chair
- ◇ Nominating Committee Representatives
- ◇ Accessibility Chair

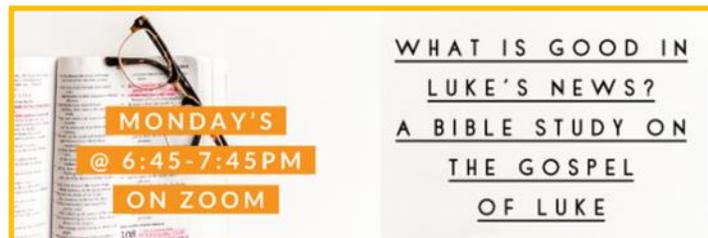


Please refer to “Volunteers at KL” under the “Life and Work” tab on the Kingsway-Lambton website for further details on these positions.

If you have an interest in serving in any of the above areas, we would like to have a chat with you. We no longer have rigid terms and inflexible meeting schedules. In fact, increasingly, we are using electronic technology to bring people together who are unable to be in the same location at the same time. Please call me at 416.233.8479 or email me at knight.associates@rogers.com if you are interested in any of these roles.

New Bible Study

January 4 - April 5, 2021



Do you need something to lift your spirits and give you hope during this pandemic? Welcome to a Bible study on the Gospel of Luke. It is for young and old, people who have never read the Bible and those well-versed in it, those who know Christ and those who do not.

Gospel literally means good news. It is the help God gives us in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. Participants will gain a new or renewed sense of God's activity not just in the Bible, but in daily life.

The **Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson**, recently retired from teaching preaching in the University of Toronto, will be the leader. He has written a commentary on Luke for lay people. Extracts from it are assigned for each gathering (around four single-spaced pages per week).

We hope you will join us on Monday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45pm, January 4 - April 5, 2021, for a Zoom conversation. Register with Janet Riddell in the Kingsway Lambton United Church office.

Email janet@kingswaylambton.ca and write '**Monday Bible Study**' in the subject line. She will send you the readings and links to join the discussions.

Kingsway-Lambton Worships with You at Home



Fresh Start and Worship Services

We are continuing to provide online digital worship services to enable you to worship at home with Rev. Hugh. Both the Fresh Start Service and Worship Service will be available to view. Visit our [website](#) for the links to the videos of the pre-recorded services, and take comfort from this worship in your home.

Please join us for these at a time that works for you and your family.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join Rev. Hugh D. Reid and the online Bible Study Group every Wednesday morning at 10am for thoughtful discussion on weekly scriptures and how they relate to our everyday lives.

To join in the discussion, please email office@kingswaylambton.ca with 'Join the Wednesday morning Bible Study Group' in the subject line.

The information to join the weekly group will be emailed out weekly prior to the meeting time.

There is a short tutorial video (click [here](#)) that will show you what to do to connect to our meeting. Please do this before the time of the video-conference. The tutorial is less than one minute.



The 2020-2021 Confirmation cohort continues in the New Year in our online format, meeting once a month.

While Rev. Leanne is on maternity leave, **Alana Martin** of The GO Project will be stepping in and leading these sessions. The Confirmation journey is a space for youth to consider questions about life, faith, and God, in community. In the coming months some themes to be explored will be what it means to have faith, reading the Bible, and who is the Holy Spirit.

For more information contact Alana at alana@thegoproject.ca

Event Updates



23rd Kingsway-Lambton Spring Art Show & Sale

SPRING SHOW NEWS

We are currently in the midst of planning for an **ONLINE Spring Art Show & Sale** and plan to share specific details as soon as possible.

Our original target date of Saturday, April 10, 2021 will play a role in our event but the online sale will take place prior to Easter. We're breaking new ground for our group and working through the process to create an online Art Show & Sale that will raise funds for our charities and place beautiful art in the homes of our online art aficionados!

ARTISTS AT WORK

For your viewing pleasure, we have collected images of our 'Artists at Work' to share with you. From studio spaces to outdoor spots to the inspiring realm of nature, our artists continue to create.

Enjoy and be inspired!



ARTISTS AT WORK: *Marsha Strycharz, Featured Artist 2021*

Please stay tuned for updates on our [Spring Art Show & Sale](#).

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you will plan to join us at the
ONLINE Spring Art Show & Sale.

Announcements



Weddings



**Matthew Zaffino
and
Megan Lawrence**
November 7, 2020



**Jasper Shastri
and
Erin Hudson**
November 27, 2020



In Memoriam

Rodney Fitch
September 4, 2020

Bill Cullens
September 22, 2020

David Siddall
October 29, 2020

Don Bainbridge
October 17, 2020

Alma Sweet
December 3, 2020

