

PRESS RELEASE: Outdoor Exhibit a First for the Brockville Museum

As COVID-related health and safety practices continue to present a challenge to most public gathering places, the Brockville Museum has created an innovative new exhibit celebrating the work of well-known artist Robert H. Lindsay.

Now available for viewing, “RH Lindsay: Outdoors” honours Lindsay’s plein-air painting style by showcasing his work outside, on the museum’s walls. Selected works from the Brockville Museum’s sizeable collection of Lindsay watercolours and oils were reproduced and installed in the museum’s courtyard which faces Hardy Park. Visitors are invited to tour the works from dawn until dusk, from now until Thanksgiving.

A Brockville resident for most of his life until his death in 1938, Lindsay studied under noted Canadian artist Percy Woodcock who was the principal instructor at the Brockville Art School. Lindsay succeeded Woodcock at the school and embarked on his own successful painting career. Not only did he open an art studio at 38 King St. West he also taught art at Brockville Collegiate Institute and St. Alban’s School. He was also a member of the prestigious Arts Club of Montreal.

Whenever he could, Lindsay would take out his bicycle, load up his paint box and ride off to the river to paint. He was a true lover of nature and his creations in oils and watercolours reflected the beauty of the land, the river, and the sky, not only in the Brockville area but also in other parts of the world.

As Curator/Director Natalie Wood indicated “the success of last year’s *Painting Picnic* exhibit featuring artist Prudence Heward has made it clear that there is a thirst for art here in Brockville.” She added, “We know people are desperate to return to ‘normal’, but we aren’t quite there yet; in the meantime, this outdoor exhibit will give our community a chance to celebrate not only Lindsay’s legacy but also the beauty of Brockville’s waterfront”.

“RH Lindsay: Outdoors” will be on display until Thanksgiving Day. Although there is no charge to see the exhibit, monetary donations would be greatly appreciated and may be made through the museum’s website by doing to “Canada Helps” on the “Support” page.

The Brockville Museum remains closed to visitors as per Provincial Guidelines and anticipates reopening under Stage 3 in early August. While everything depends on updated Public Health guidelines, we anticipate that visitors will be able to visit the museum only by appointment (when we do reopen) for the foreseeable future.

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