



ARTS SOCIETY OF KINGSVILLE



Since 2013

ABOUT ASK

Arts Society of Kingsville (ASK) is a member-run collective dedicated to cultivating, supporting, and promoting the arts in our community.

At Carnegie, our mission is to cultivate a welcoming, creative, and inclusive environment where individuals can exhibit, teach, learn, and grow without judgment.

Our amazing group of creative members and volunteers help to present Carnegie and Kingsville as a unique and welcoming arts destination.



CARNEGIE ARTS AND VISITOR CENTRE

Since 2021, ASK has the privilege of hosting the Carnegie Arts and Visitor Centre on behalf of, and in support of, the Town of Kingsville and Tourism Windsor, Essex and Pelee Island.

At Carnegie, ASK volunteers curate a gallery and gift shop with monthly themed art exhibits featuring ASK members and other local artists. We welcome emerging and experienced artists and artisans that include painters, photographers, woodworkers, potters, jewellery makers, glass workers, textile artists, authors, and more.

Our open and inclusive atmosphere attracts talented individuals from Kingsville and Ontario at large.



MORE THAN ART SHOWS



ASK prides itself on being more than an art gallery. In addition to high-quality art exhibits, we also display items by local artists and artisans that appeal to tourists, visitors, and locals looking for unique cards, gifts, and keepsakes. This fits well with our other role as tourism ambassadors for the Town of Kingsville.

Over the past year, ASK volunteers have greeted more than 2,500 visitors from across North America, Europe, and distant locations such as Australia, Nigeria, and Japan, among others.

PROGRAMMING

ASK is committed to arts education and offers a variety of fun, interactive, and informative sessions. Creative 55+ is a very popular program and ASK is privileged to be able to provide it at no cost to mature members of our community thanks to funding provided by the Kingsville Community Grant.

Creative 55+, our weekly Adult Drop-In, and member-run classes consistently reach capacity. Participants tell us they appreciate the opportunity to share, encourage, and learn from each other, develop new skills, and enhance the quality of their lives and their work.



ASK CONTRIBUTES

- A dedicated roster of over 40 ASK volunteers collectively contribute over **1800 volunteer hours per year** to serve as tourism ambassadors and keep Carnegie operating as a vital tourism and arts hub in Kingsville.
- Proceeds from ASK exhibit and gift shop sales, and art classes, help support local artists and artisans, with **20%** of sales going directly to the municipality.
- With over **200 members**, over half of whom reside in Kingsville, ASK is a proud supporter of other local not-for-profits, committees of council, and local businesses.
- ASK does this, and so much more because our members and volunteers are dedicated to **supporting the arts, local businesses, and community events!**

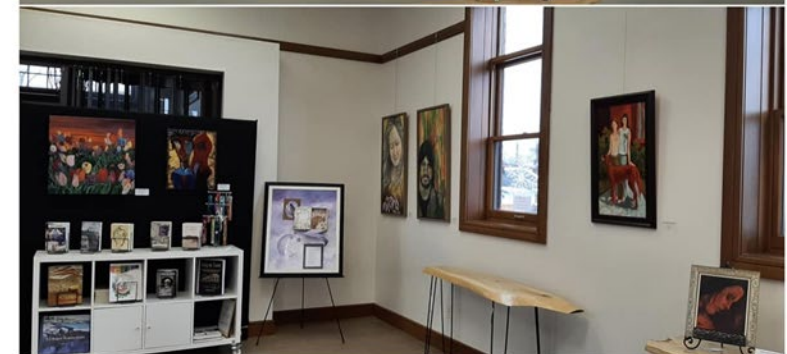
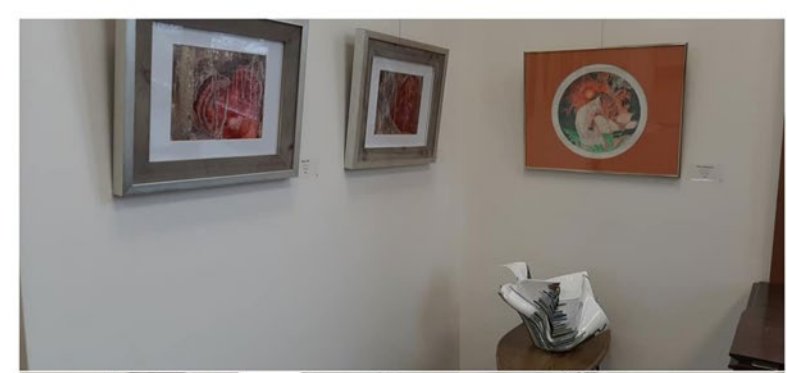


COULD WE DO MORE? YES!

ASK has proven that it can efficiently operate a year-round community art gallery and gift shop while providing helpful visitor information.

The main floor of Carnegie is a beautiful gallery space with its high ceilings and abundant natural light and with additional dedicated space, we could expand arts programs.

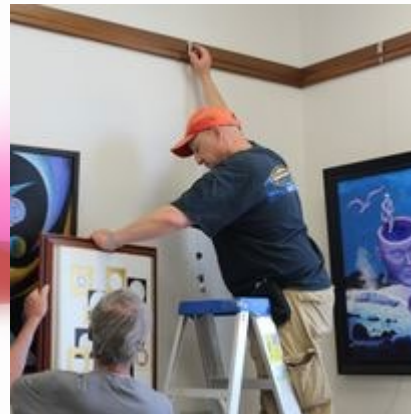
Through fundraising initiatives and the generous support of contributors to the ASK Founders Fund, we envision a future filled with new opportunities to make the arts accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.



THE FUTURE LOOKS PROMISING

Our close relationship and collaborations with the BIA have proven mutually beneficial. We value that partnership and will continue to cultivate it.

Recognized for its welcoming spirit and leadership within the local arts community, and backed by the Town of Kingsville, the Arts Society of Kingsville remains committed to inspiring and guiding efforts to make art accessible to everyone.



OPPORTUNITIES



The ASK Youth Arts Council and Creative Business Workshops are new initiatives designed to empower young creative minds. They will offer emerging artists opportunities to chart their unique path while gaining essential job skills.

We see on the horizon goals such as an after-school arts centre for children and teens, an arts hub for migrant workers, and a permanent children's art gallery.

FOR CONSIDERATION

A.S.K. highly values and is thankful to the Town of Kingsville for the space provided us at the beautiful, historic, Carnegie building.

Our vision for the future sees the entire Carnegie Arts & Visitor Centre as an integral arts and tourism hub in the county. We hope you'll agree.



“To create one’s own world takes courage.”

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**We thank you for your continued support of the arts
and the Arts Society of Kingsville!**