



# The Armature

October 2022

Newsletter of the Alberta Sculptors' Association



**EDMONTON DOWNTOWN  
FARMERS MARKET**

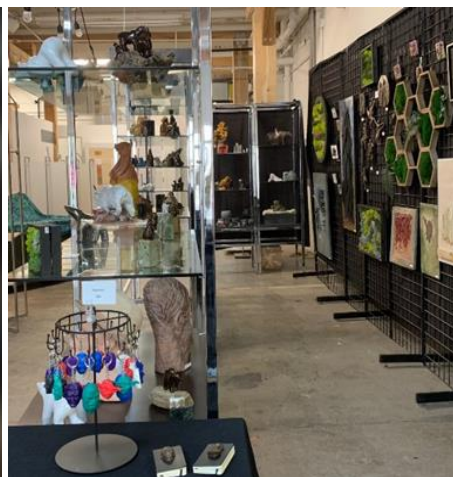


A new community of artists has formed on the main floor of the Edmonton Downtown Farmers Market and the Sculptors' Association of Alberta has found a home in it. The Farmers Market is open year-round on weekends - Friday, Saturday, Sunday - in the old Army & Navy Department store on 97 Street, east of the Law Courts building.



The SAA has booked into a booth in the artists' alley for three months starting Oct. 1 until the end of the year. A decision to proceed past this date will depend on SAA artists who wish to participate.

The large eight foot by 16 foot booth now has seven of our artists' works and they are: Jennifer Lang, Kay McCormack, Shawn Olander, Bev Oliwa, Pat Prodaniuk, Ellie Shuster, and Keith Turnbull. The participating artists take turns sitting the booth for its hours of opening - Friday 11-5, Saturday 9-3, and Sunday 11-5 each week.



To draw people to the market, the market has special events on most weekends, and promotes the market on social and other media

For more information about the Market see the President's message on the next page and, <https://yegdtmarket.com>

If you are interested in joining the group now or possibly in the following three months, contact Maria at [sculptorsab@gmail.com](mailto:sculptorsab@gmail.com)

## President's message

When we are at one of our many group shows, we are often asked "Where else can I find your work?" Well.... we finally have an answer!

As of October 1, the Sculptors' Association of Alberta will have a "permanent" home at the **Edmonton Downtown Farmers Market!** We have booked a space for up to 15 artists to show and sell our work under the SAA banner as part of *Art at the Market*, with a number of other professional artists. I couldn't be more excited!

Our expectation is that sculptors will cycle through as space becomes available. Everyone will share the costs, work their share of sales shifts, contribute 15% of proceeds and present the personality of our Association to Edmontonians and tourists alike. We have committed to Christmas and will consider whether to continue into 2023.

The market fulfills so much of our mandate - building a profile for our art form by engaging visitors with sculpture and the artists who create it, helping to grow our membership, putting funds into the jeans of our sculptors and the coffers of the association itself, and offering SAA some stability.

If you haven't considered the opportunity, there are a few spots left on a first-served basis. You must be a member in good standing and willing to make a firm commitment. Please contact Maria for more information.

On another note, based on the professionalism and dynamic of our exhibition at Night of Artists and "Creature Comforts" in Drumheller, we have been invited to exhibit at the **Spruce Grove Art Gallery** run by the **Allied Arts Council**. The show will run April 11- May 5, 2023 and is just in the planning. Stay tuned!

So, it looks like our 2022-23 year is off to a great start! If you have not renewed your membership, the time is now. Send your \$40 fees to [sculptorsab@gmail.com](mailto:sculptorsab@gmail.com) and make sure your profile on our website is up to date.

Our October meeting will be a hybrid - we look forward to seeing our members in and around Edmonton in person at Harcourt - and our provincial members on-line.

Happy autumn!

- Ellie Shuster, President



## SAA Meeting

**Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022**  
**7:30 pm**

At Harcourt House Annex  
10211 112 St, Edmonton  
(ring the bell)

OR

Join the ZOOM meeting:  
Meeting ID 840 2844 1497  
Passcode 160357

### Program:

**Laura Ouimet,**  
demonstrating her chicken-  
wire art

For the meeting agenda and minutes of the last meeting, check your email for an email from Maria Koulouris ([sculptorsab@gmail.com](mailto:sculptorsab@gmail.com)).

## This Chick(en) gets around



This chicken had a wonderful time at the gala and book release for #amysouseedmonton

Artist #philalain got in on the fun with #thisyegchickengetsaround

SAA president Ellie Shuster even got in on the fun!



**Join Us!**

Sculptors' Association of Alberta

**New at the Downtown Farmers Market!**

**Where:** North end on the main floor

**When:**  
 ■ Fridays: 11-5 pm  
 ■ Saturdays: 9-3 pm  
 ■ Sundays: 11-3 pm

**Location:** The old Army and Navy Building 10305-97th Street NW

Keith Turnbull

Ellie Shuster

Pat Prodanuk

Shawn Olander

Kay McCormack

Jennifer Lang

Bev Oliwa

**Laura Ouimet** is an Edmonton-based wire artist and art educator. Her charming wire art creations are often inspired by her lifelong connection to nature and the outdoors. Although Laura uses wire in other ways, these days she's primarily creating with chicken wire. Making her @thisyegchickengetsaround Instagram account seemed to be a natural progression.

Peoples' response to the chicken was overwhelmingly positive and Laura decided she would travel Alberta this summer and share her posts on the Instagram account.

Her aim is to make people smile and engage them in conversations about art. If you see this chick(en) around town, say hello. You never know where she'll decide to roost next!

## Aluminum casting demo – free

Join us Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 pm for a live demonstration of sandcasting. Lost foam and pattern casting will be explained and demonstrated. See how exciting aluminum casting is. RSVP to Shawn Olander at [shawnolander@gmail.com](mailto:shawnolander@gmail.com) or 780-237-7037.

## Ice & Snow Sculpture 2022-23



Jeremy McConville's new year's themed ice sculpture in Sherwood Park last January.

With the nice weather we've been having, it's hard to imagine snow or ice carving outdoors. But others have been. I have had three inquiries so far and one of them has already confirmed. As you'll recall the 21-22 season was really busy with some 13 commissions of varying sizes and events, across the province.

With the past season in mind, and the nature of our ice and snow carving membership, I am planning a meeting with everyone who has some experience (at least the ice carving or snow sculpture workshops held last year) to share information and discuss how we might do it better this year. If you want to carve ice or sculpt snow this year, you need to attend. I put a lot of work into this every year and I would like to have our team of carvers ready to go.

**The ice and snow carving meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 pm at Harcourt House, Education Room.** If you want to ice carve/snow sculpt this year, and can't make it that night, email me at [barbmarcink@gmail.com](mailto:barbmarcink@gmail.com). It's really important for me to know who is "in" this year and ensure your understanding of how it all takes place.

-Barb Marcinkoski, Snow & Ice Director

## Stephen Hawking portrait

In 2016, I created a portrait of Stephen Hawking in celebration of his 75th birthday and through his Cambridge email, offered it to him as a gift, hoping – but not really expecting – to hear back from him. I was thrilled to receive a return note from his assistant advising me that Professor Hawking wanted to receive it, and advising where to send it.

I must admit, I wondered what he did with it and what happened to the work after his passing. It gives me tremendous pleasure to know he kept it in his office – and that it has now been gifted by his family to the Science Museum of London, England!

The family donated the contents of his office to the museum and I have been asked for permission for the Science Museum to display the portrait and photograph it for use in their promotion, video, on the website and elsewhere, with credit to the artist.

To say I am thrilled would be an understatement! Guess I'll have to make a trip out there to see it for myself...

Ellie Shuster



## Keith Turnbull - news



I had a very successful show at Harcourt House from Sept. 16-24. Several people contacted me about purchasing pieces and I will make arrangements with them after the show. I want to give particular thanks to the staff and volunteers of Harcourt House for looking after the show so well. They are a great team.

## Laura Ouimet – Rooted in Hope



I got to see the red dot ● beside "Rooted in Hope" last night at the Spruce Grove Allied Arts Council opening reception.

Mayor Jeff Acker told me they have a couple of public spots they're considering her for so I'm grateful she's staying local!!

Thank you, Allied Arts Council, for an awesome first competition experience!

## Upcoming courses taught by members

### Ritchie Velthuis at the City Arts Centre

To register, call 311 or register online at [movelearnplay.edmonton.ca](http://movelearnplay.edmonton.ca). For more information about these courses, [click on this link](#)

#### Figurative Sculpture

Experience a classical art form by sculpting the human figure by working with live models. Use the medium of clay to explore the anatomy of the human body and successfully create multiple figurative sculptures as you develop a sense of proportion, 3D design, and capture unique and individual qualities while finding your own sculpture style.

Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm Thu, 13-Oct-22 - Thu, 01-Dec-22 Price: \$280.00 ID: 711748

#### Winter Sculpted Statues & Ornaments

Get cozy and play with clay this November, put your holiday cheer to another use and create using the medium of clay. Learn hand-building and sculpture techniques while creating unique pieces for your home, garden, or to give as gifts to friends and family members for them to decorate their favourite indoor or outdoor space.

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm Wed, 16-Nov-22 - Wed, 30-Nov-22 Price: \$105.00 ID: 711796

### Kay McCormack at NESAs



#### Bison Soapstone Carving

Love sculpture? Love stone carvings? Here's your chance to create the iconic Bison. Beginner and intermediate carvers are welcome to spend a 3-day workshop with local soapstone artist Kay McCormack. In this workshop, you will learn the planning portion for your carving, the correct and safe use of hand tools and with Kay's guidance see your sculpture emerge. All supplies included.

Thu, Oct 13-Oct 27 / 12:30-3:30 PM / Wks3  
at North Edmonton Seniors Association,  
7524-139 Ave, Edmonton.

Price: \$145.

Register online at [nesa1.ca](http://nesa1.ca) or call 780 496-6969.  
You will need to join/have an account.

## Upcoming courses taught by members at Leduc Arts Foundry



**\$70**

**CLAY BEAR CLASS FOR TEENS**  
**OCTOBER 29**

### Shawn Olander: Clay Bear for Teens

Participants will learn basic bear anatomy and simple sculpting skills resulting in a rough bear. The instructor will complete the glazing and firing portion and the finished bears can be picked up at Leduc Arts Foundry.

Students are encouraged to bring in a reference image of a bear

Saturday, Oct. 29, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Register online at: <https://www.artsfoundry.ca/whats-on-at-the-foundry/sno-bear>



**Arts Foundry**

**BIRDS NOT YOUR THING?**

Make a Wire Frog on October 19th!  
Registration deadline: October 12

### Laura Ouimet: Messy Wire Wrap Frog

For this project, students are guided through the process of building up layers of wire on an Armature to create a 3D sculpture. Instruction is hands on with lots of great tips and tricks to complete your sculpture. No previous experience working with wire is required.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6:00-9:00 pm

Price \$65

Register online: <https://www.artsfoundry.ca/whats-on-at-the-foundry/messy-wire-wrap-frog>



**Arts Foundry**

**Beginner's Sculpture**  
*with Keith Turnbull*

October 8th & 22nd  
Registration deadline: October 1st

**\$125**  
1:00 - 4:00pm

artsfoundry.ca

### Keith Turnbull: Beginner's Sculpting

Learn the basics of sculpting in clay and paint a fired piece with Keith Turnbull.

Students are encouraged to bring in their own sculpting tools & reference images if they have them. Keith will be wearing a mask as he teaches, students are encouraged to, as well (not mandatory)

Register online: <https://www.artsfoundry.ca/whats-on-at-the-foundry/beginners-sculpting-keith-turnbull>

Leduc Arts Foundry: 4330 Black Gold Drive Leduc, AB, T9E 3C3

## Membership Fees

Membership fees are now due for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Please send \$40 via e-transfer to [sculptorsAB@gmail.com](mailto:sculptorsAB@gmail.com) or send a cheque to:

Sculptors' Association of Alberta  
PO Box 11212 Stn. Main  
Edmonton, AB T5J 3K5

- Maria Koulouris, Administrator

## Newsletter submissions

We are always looking for submissions to the newsletter. If you are showing your work, teaching a workshop, working on something special, have an update you'd like to share, or any story ideas, please contact me. Also, please keep the photos coming, they are greatly appreciated.

Submit your items to [shawnolander@gmail.com](mailto:shawnolander@gmail.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month and contact me with any questions!  
- Shawn Olander

## Aluminum casting service

Sandcasting service for artists. Lost Styrofoam or pattern casting available. Very affordable rates, custom work, no minimum. We do custom sculpture bases. Contact Shawn 780-237-7037 or Andre 587-591-8726.

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### The 3rd Annual Xmas Ornament Exchange

This is the first opportunity to exchange Christmas ornaments in person and will be a fun and entertaining evening.

**To participate:** Make a Christmas ornament in your chosen medium. Ornaments will be exchanged at our **December 6th meeting**.

- ★ Participants will select a wrapped ornament from their fellow sculptors and upon unwrapping, the maker can describe their ornament.
- ★ Zoom attendees welcome.
- ★ Please provide a photo of your ornament to [shawnolander@gmail.com](mailto:shawnolander@gmail.com) for the newsletter.

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