

# WOOLWICH

## ART TOUR

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2021



Welcome to the 2021 Woolwich Art Tour. With this tour you will experience local art and become more familiar with the local businesses in the Township.

This Art Tour includes the art in Elmira, the murals in the Village of St. Jacobs and the Kissing Bridge Trail Studio Tour.

Each mural is located on the walls of local businesses where you can admire the creativity, and take home a small part of Woolwich.

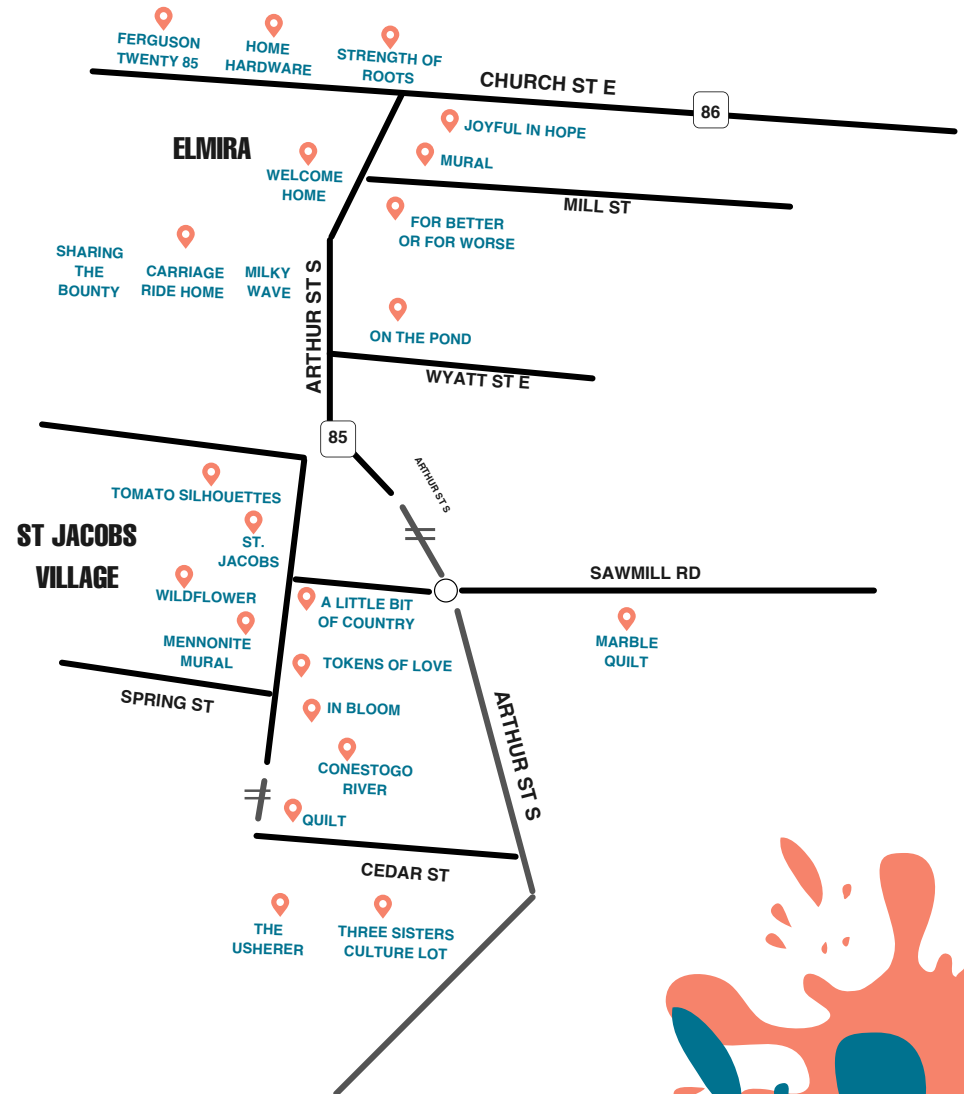
Thank you to all the artists who have brought forward their amazing creativity, and the local businesses that have supported this effort.

If you would like to participate in future art tours please contact us!

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# ELMIRA

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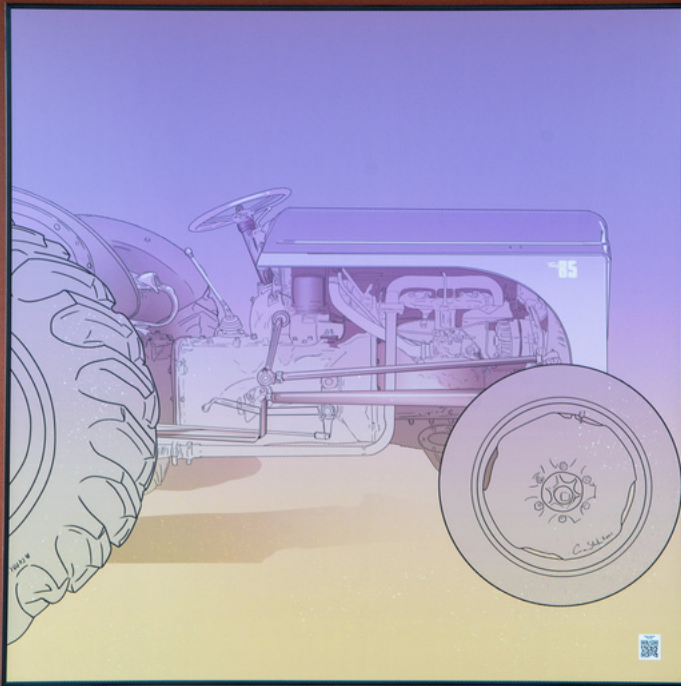
**Elmira is the largest community in Woolwich in terms of both area and population. Elmira is a charming, quaint town with strong Mennonite roots. Since 1965, its been home to the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival which draws a crowd of over 60,000 each spring! Each summer farm stands pop up on the sides of roads and ends of driveways selling fresh locally grown produce. The art in Elmira is a part of the Elmira BIAs Art Exhibit and is spread out across downtown, located on the walls of local businesses!**

# 1. FERGUSON TWENTY 85

Artist: Conan Stark

Location: Township of Woolwich  
Administrative Building

I was born in North Bay and moved to the Waterloo region in the early 1980s. As I was adjusting to my new home and community, it was comforting to visit beautiful towns like Elmira. I took great joy in experiencing events like the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival. The deep and meaningful connection Elmira has with agriculture was evident and made me feel connected to the wide open farm fields and expanses I was familiar with from up north. The Ferguson Twenty 85 Tractor to me represents this long standing connection Elmira has with agriculture.



## 2. STRENGTH OF ROOTS

Artist: Jennifer Horst

Location: RBC, Elmira

This painting attempts to bring together all parts of our history and our current state of affairs as we learn to reconcile our difference, admit our individual roles in racism and discrimination and learn to move forward as a healthy community. Life circles intersect and influence our ideas and ways we chose to live. The roots of our history give both positive and negative aspect to our community but they can all be used for good if we choose to learn from them and move forward with persistence and a desire to reconcile our past with our present.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The [O & V Tasting Room](#) is located right across from Strength of Roots where you can find Gourmet Extra Virgin Olive Oils, Aged Balsamic Vinegars and other locally produced food and craft!

# HOME HARDWARE ELMIRA



The Township of Woolwich is home to the original Home Hardware. It was founded in 1964 in St. Jacobs. The art work was coordinated in the early 2000's by the owner of Elmira's Home Hardware, and artists were chosen through a public bidding process.

Next door is Elmira Donuts & Deli where you can find fresh baked goods, soups and sandwiches. Home cooked food you can't resist!

*"I like that they are each unique and in the artists style. They are a great cross section of colours and depict various aspects of our community, from veteran support to agriculture and even a maple sugar shack and local sports" - Krista McBay, Owner, Home Hardware Elmira*

# HOME HARDWARE ELMIRA

3. Linda Brubacher



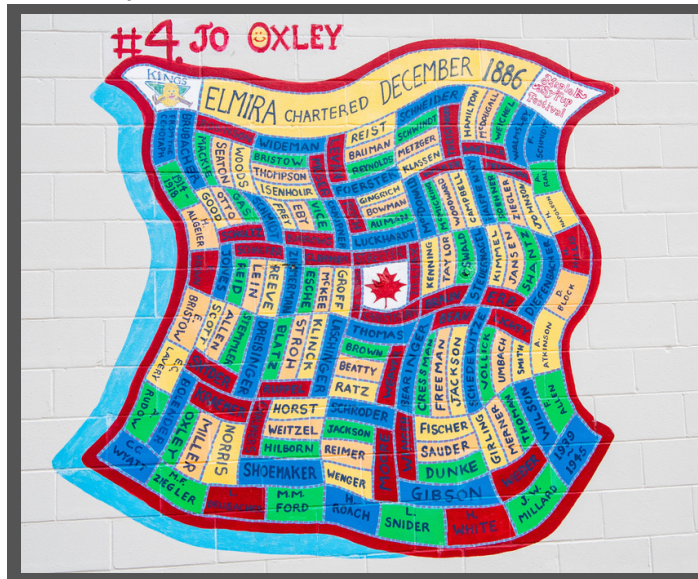
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5. P. Lackenbauer



6. Jo Oxley



7. Paul Wilson



## 8. JOYFUL IN HOPE

Artist: Nicole Brodrecht

Location: RE/MAX, Elmira

As we have navigated such a dark year this painting was created to develop an uplifting sense of hope. With the combination of fresh local sunflowers and side of the road bouquets I breathed in the beauty of our countryside and community while painting and knew everything was going to be ok!



## 9. FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Artist: Carol Folino

Location: Taylor's Bridal Boutique Inc.

“For Better or For Worse” was my reaction to being in lockdown for a second time. Now that we are in the third wave, the lockdown definitely carries an emotional weight that is difficult to manage. This painting reflects “My Elmira” because the couple is the epitome of what I think of when it comes to a tight-knit community like Elmira. When I saw the photo taken by Nicole DeLoach Hubbard, the chief nurse anesthetist at a hospital in Tampa, Florida, I knew I had my inspiration and was very appreciative of her positive feedback on it when she saw it.





# KITCHEN KUTTINGS



## DID YOU KNOW?

[Basics Beauty & Beyond](#) is a quick walk from these beautiful murals? Basics Beauty and Beyond is home to Bauman Laser & Electrolysis and Rustic Roots Hair Studio. Pamper yourself all in one place at the boutique spa and med-spa!

There are 3 beautiful murals located on the wall of Kitchen Kuttings Cafe facing the community patio which is located between Bargain Mart and the Cafe. This is a place where you can enjoy a nice snack while admiring the beautiful art work!



## 10. SHARING THE BOUNTY

Artist: Melissa Passmore



Choosing flowers from a roadside stand is something that I associate with my experience of growing up and living in Elmira. I love the experience of being able to bike or walk to a stand, the Farmer's Market or many other downtown businesses and purchase fresh flowers, food and other products that have been grown and created in my community. I titled this piece "Sharing the Bounty" as I do believe that as a community we take care to offer our bountiful produce, help and friendship with each other which makes Elmira a very special place to live.



## 11. CARRIAGE RIDE HOME

Artist: Kristina Howitt



I remember my evening drives home when I took a temporary position at Elmira Long-Term-Care and Retirement home. The sun would be setting, the views of farmland spectacular. I would often pass a horse-drawn carriage or two, driven by tired workers heading home. My aim in this piece is to portray those fond memories.



## 12. MILKY WAVE

Artist: Susan Weber



In 2018, Bettina and Henk Schuurmans began a cross-country tour on a John Deere tractor to promote Canadian milk. While driving through the Prairies, a transport truck hit their tractor, taking the life of Bettina. This painting was inspired by their commitment to our farming community, their warmth and openness, and their adventurous spirit, (as well as Bettina's love of sunflowers). Traditional farming communities, Elmira and Woolwich continue to be welcoming, caring, respectful, creative, and generous celebrating our deep rural roots.

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# 13. MURAL



**Artist:** Stephanie Scott

**Location:** Sip N Bite

Stephanie Scott is an Illustrator & Designer specializing in murals and environmental branding. With an education in fine art and graphic design, her work unifies her skills in both traditional and digital media. She approaches each project with a fresh perspective, viewing it as an opportunity to learn and create something new.





## 14. ON THE POND

Artist: Michael Brown

Location: Local Renaissance

My wife and I were long time residents of Elmira. 9 years ago, I began airbrushing. I watched YouTube videos and was inspired to teach myself. I also enjoy photography. My wife told me how much she loved Peter Etril Snyder's artwork, and asked if I would paint some Mennonite people. I agreed and today they represent our former hometown and have a place in our home. I learned to oil paint a couple years later. I now do approx. 15-20 commissions a year, including hockey portraits for families. Elmira has and will always be home.



## 15. WELCOME HOME

Artist: Lori Zenker

Location: 30 Arthur St. S

Having lived in a number of different towns in Ontario, we were met with a very warm welcome when we moved to Elmira almost 20 years ago. Elmira is a friendly place with room for everyone, where neighbours gather to chat, people say hello on the street and you make friends with the local shopkeepers. Through this picture, I added details found in Elmira - the clock tower, gazebo, farmer's market, maple syrup and many more. You might just recognize someone in the picture. Elmira has room for everyone with many instances of kindness shown through helping others during difficult times, or just attempting to find someone's wayward pet.





# ST. JACOBS

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**Established in 1852, the Village of St. Jacobs is located just outside of Waterloo, Ontario along the Conestoga River. It has a rich heritage and is home to the original Home Hardware which was founded in 1964. St. Jacobs is a popular tourist destination due to its rich Mennonite heritage and unique village feel. Most of the art work that you will find in the village are a series of hand-painted murals!**



## 16. TOMATO SILHOUETTES

Artist: Keisha Thomas

Location: Those Pizza Guys

This tomato plant mural piece pays tribute to a ubiquitous ingredient for pizza and also to a plant that is commonly grown and enjoyed here in Ontario by farmers and amateur gardeners alike.



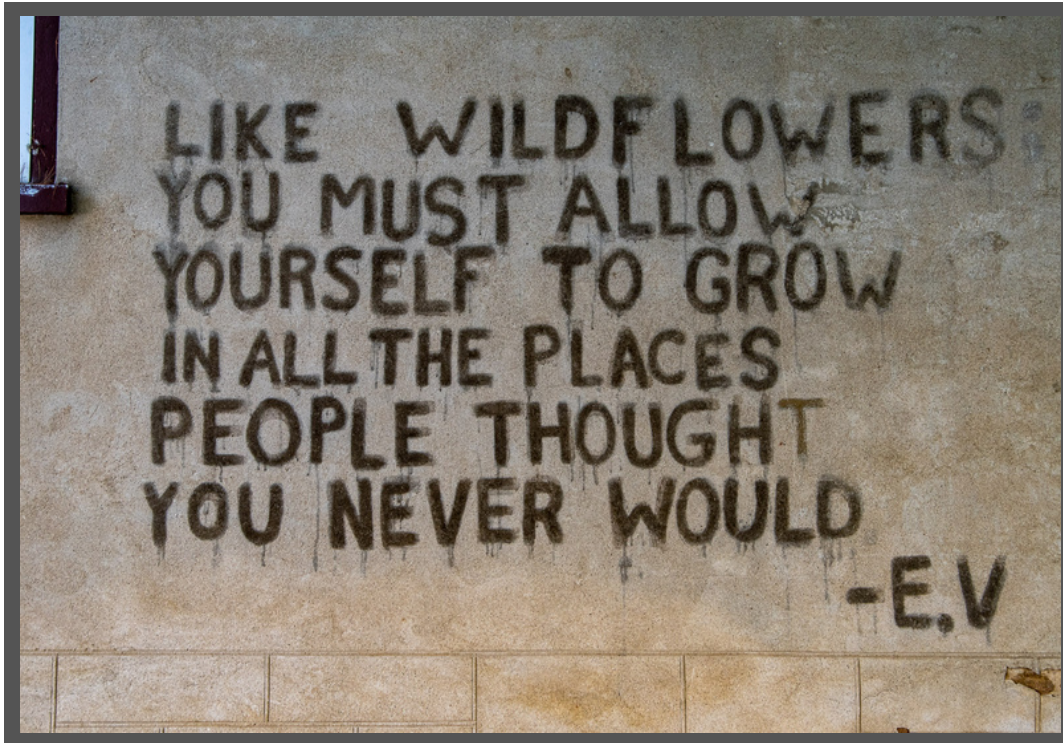
## 17. ST. JACOBS MURAL

Artist: Stephanie Boutari

Location: Xclusive Elements

The 'St. Jacobs' mural is bright and vibrant, created perfectly to fit the village feel! Giant "St Jacobs" block letters are painted with a 3D effect and abstract shapes inspired by the area's prominent natural surroundings and trails. Central to the composition is an abstract river which appears to flow in and out of the letters, a reference to the nearby Conestogo river.





## 18. WILDFLOWERS QUOTE

Artist: E.V.

Location: St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre

The Wildflowers Quote expresses the importance of personal growth and is a positive reminder for all! This quote is secretly located on the wall of the St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre.

## 19. MENNONITE MURAL

Artist: Unknown

Location: A Gift to Remember

This wonderfully depicted mural shows a horse and buggy going through St. Jacobs highlighting the Mennonite culture within the community. It encompasses the natural landscape of the area and the culture it is made up of.



# THREE SISTERS CULTURAL CENTRE



[The Three Sisters Cultural Centre](#) has 4 murals on their wall facing the Culture Lot. The Culture Lot is a place where visitors can enjoy a seat and relax, but also attend events that are hosted in the space! The Centre provides a unique cultural experience in the Region of Waterloo!



# THREE SISTERS CULTURAL CENTRE

20. Blue Jays



**Artist:** Sarfraz Qandeel Faraz

If you live here you are familiar with the Blue Jay. They may be noisy but they sure are beautiful. This Jay became my friend one day at Victoria Park. Posing for a selfie he couldn't take himself.

"My work mostly attempts to capture the beauty of nature. Most of my pieces are in blue shades. I think blue calms my thoughts and feelings."



21. Crimson Fox



**Artist:** Christina Vogiatzis

This painting is part of an ongoing series entitled Nature's Creatures. A series dedicated to highlighting the natural beauty and diversity of this Region as a means of raising awareness of our ongoing environmental issues while inspiring necessary preventative action.

"This is a little fox I met at the Shade's Mill Conservation Area in Cambridge who swiftly darted behind the trees upon my approach."



22. Mr. Big



**Artist:** Cathy Amos

"A family member planted a large row of sunflowers and invited me to paint them. They were enormous so I named one of them Mr. Big"

Cathy finds inspiration for her paintings in many different places. Her subjects range from landscape to still life and some ideas come from her imagination. She is inspired by colour and pattern and most paintings are vibrant and colourful.



## 23. QUILTING BEE



**Artist:** Roger Witmer

**Location:** Three Sisters Cultural Centre

It is easy to describe this as a typical Mennonite pastime but the art of quilting speaks to so much more. It is a community building art form that culminates in an incredibly practical item. Community, creativity and practicality are perfect descriptors of not only the local Mennonites but also the entire Region.

Roger has been a professional artist in Waterloo County for over 35 years and ran his own gallery in St. Jacobs from 1991 to 2008 when he retired and now paints for his own pleasure. Roger showed and taught in the building that is part of this Cultural Centre Hub now opened as THE TASTING HOUSE.



## 24. THE USHERER

Artist: Amy Ferrari

Location: The Tasting House

“This tree is mighty and responsible for ushering the clouds along their way. The road and telephone lines think the tree’s methods are outdated, but the tree knows human technologies come and go, and can never compare to Nature”

A compulsive doodler, Amy has always been fascinated by line, shape, colour and pattern. The desire to celebrate the disregarded has always propelled her creativity.



## 25. QUILT MURAL

Artist: Stephanie Scott

Location: Toy Soup

The Quilt Mural is a tribute to the quilting community in the area. This piece reflects the culture of quilt making in Waterloo Region. The design features nine different quilt block patterns, all of which have significance to members of the quilting community.





## 26. CONESTOGO RIVER

Artist: Luke & August Swinson

Location: Rhumba

This beautiful mural showcases the Conestoga River scene. Created to reflect various birds we see at the Conestoga River in the village: A great blue heron, a sparrow, a Canadian goose, and a mallard duck.



## 27. IN BLOOM

Artist: Trisha Abe

Location: Living Fresh Flower Studio

Similar to the culture in St. Jacobs, this piece is meant to embrace slow-living and bring feelings of brightness and warmth. The imagery aims to celebrate themes of community, diversity, and nature while adding a picture-esque touch to the Village.



## 28. A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY

Artist: Stephanie Scott

Location: The Mennonite Story

This piece was designed in a wood type style, where each line of text is a different font. This allows it to perfectly fit the space, including the area around the window. The style is reminiscent of vintage signage, which compliments the historical surroundings of St. Jacobs Village



## 29. TOKENS OF LOVE

Artist: Brie Pointer

Location: Cellar 52

Tokens of Love is a celebration of all the beautiful love we experience throughout life. Life is a series of events that bring us together to celebrate the love and joys of the world.

Painted by: Amy Esplen, Robin Lindner, Vanessa Cardoso, Alecs Tudor, Amanda Ashford, Kathleen Light, Sandy Nguyen, Beisan Zubi, Elaine Declair

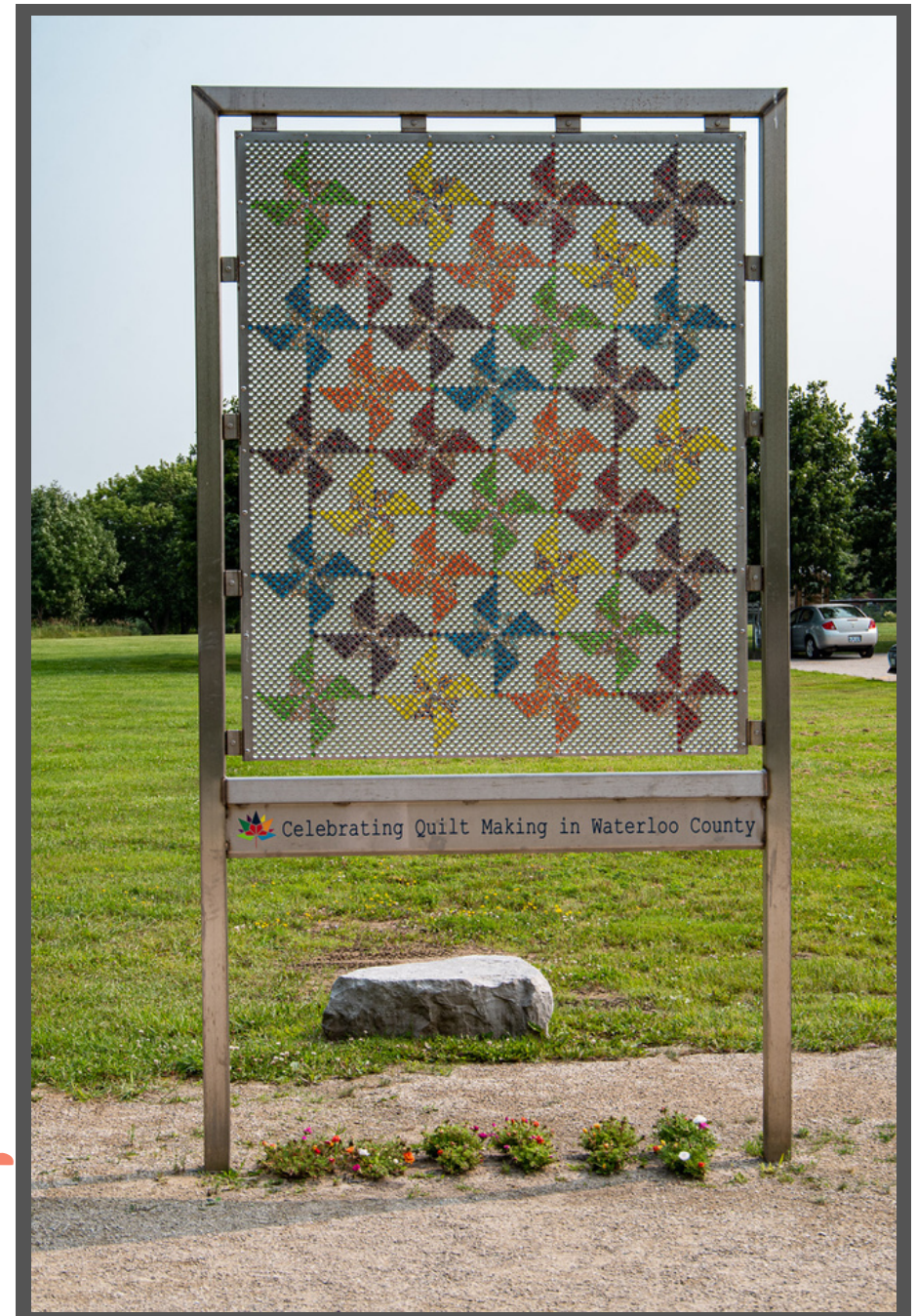


# MARBLE QUILT

**Artist:** Ella Brubacher & Members of the Quilting Community

**Location:** Entrance of Health Valley Trail

The Marble Quilt was created to Celebrate the art of quilt making in the Region of Waterloo. This piece was sponsored by the St. Jacobs Quilt & Fibre Art Festival. This festival has been running for over 20 years showcasing quilt & fibre art in a week long annual event.



# KISSING BRIDGE TRAIL STUDIO TOUR

The Kissing Bridge Trail Studio Tour is an annual and much anticipated studio art tour featuring the works of artists residing in Elmira, St. Jacobs, Winterbourne, Conestogo and more. In 2021, 15 artists are very much looking forward to welcoming you into their studios for tours, art viewing (of course!) and engagement.

Visitors will be able to enjoy a wide variety of artwork - silversmith jewelry, paintings and sketches (watercolour, acrylic, oil, ink), wool paintings, multimedia, photography, wood designs, and encaustics.

Explore the rich and vibrant creations of Woolwich artists and make a Woolwich Weekend of it!

**Sat., Oct. 23 - Sun., Oct. 24,  
2021**

**10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Please visit us online for artist bios, gallery and a tour map:

[www.kbtstudiotour.ca](http://www.kbtstudiotour.ca)











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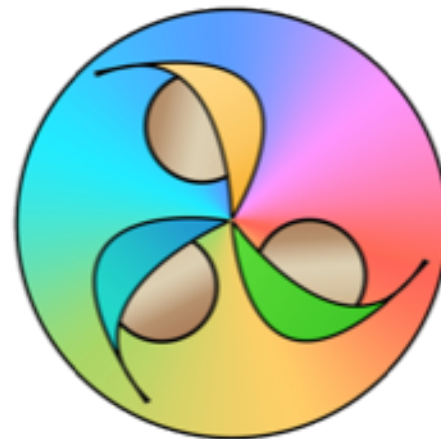
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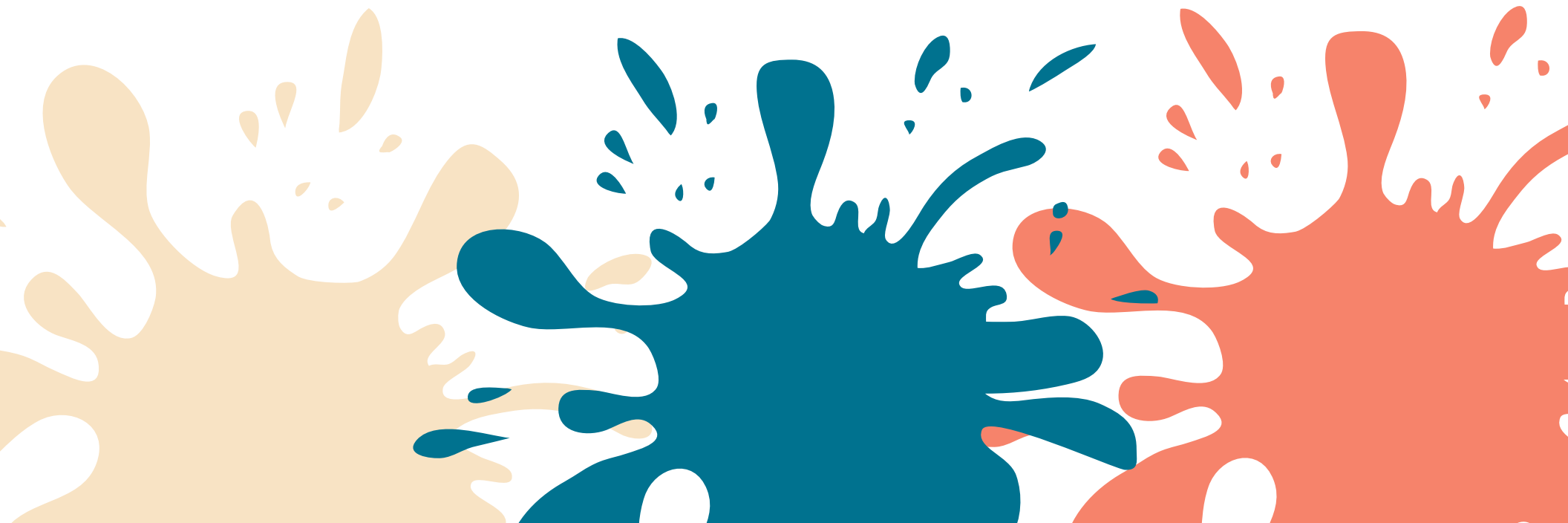
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Please let us know if you feel there is art missing from this digital art tour. We will gladly add it!

Thank you,  
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