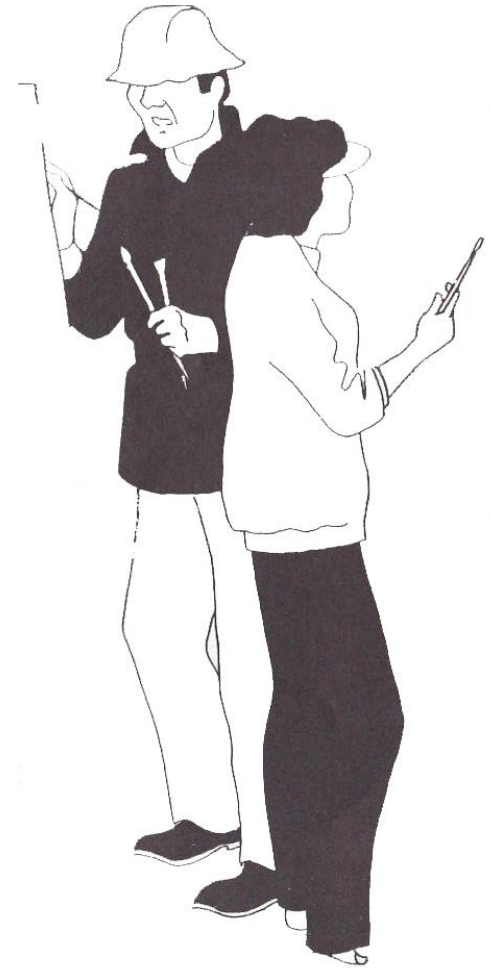


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The East Central Ontario Art Association (ECOAA), organized in 1960, has served to bring together what has become a large and closely knit group of Ontario artists. The prime purposes are to work and learn with others of similar interest, and to provide an ongoing arrangement for displaying the work produced.

The success of ECOAA has been proven over and over, in terms of instruction, personal satisfaction and growth, sales and the many lasting friendships which have resulted from Association activities.

Our membership area extends mainly over East Ontario, including artists from the Greater Toronto Area, to the Quebec border and north past Algonquin Park, as well as some from as far west as the Niagara Peninsula. The largest concentration is residents of Scarborough, Belleville, Peterborough and surrounding areas.

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

### ECOAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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and mail to : Valarie Russell, 7 GILBANK CRES., SCARBOROUGH, ON. M1E 4H8

## **Weekend Painting Trips**

The association sponsors, annually, four weekend workshops where members get together to paint and enjoy each other's company. The winter weekend is the end of January, the spring is the end of May and the fall is usually the second weekend in October

Held at a resort setting in cottage country. An artist is invited to do a demonstration on the Friday evening. On Saturday evening there is a critique. Studio space is available for indoor work and painting plein air is encouraged.

The demonstrations are usually done by artists who are members of the ECOAA. This allows the participants to gain teaching experience among people they know

## **Fall Workshop**

Usually held the third weekend in September at the YMCA Geneva Park conference centre on Lake Couchiching, near Orillia. The fall workshop is a combined effort of the East Central Ontario Art Association and the Central Ontario Art Association. Participants choose from selected top instructors in their medium, or if they prefer, work independently. This is a social weekend, where old friends get together and new friendships are made. Both the ECOAA and the COAA hold their annual general meetings on this weekend. Saturday evening consists of a "walkabout" to view the work accomplished, followed by a wine and cheese with the braver performing skits or entertaining us with their many other talents. Annual General Meetings are held at this time and are open to all members

## **Paint –Outs**

Throughout the year members get together at the home or cottage of a volunteer host whose only responsibilities are to supply morning coffee and a place to eat the 'brown Bag' lunch each participant brings along. Usually the host scouts the area for painting sites. These paint outs (or ins) usually are from 10 am to 4pm...but is sometimes extended to include a pot luck dinner.

## **Exhibitions**

Each year the ECOAA holds an exhibition juried by professional painters selected by the juried show committee. Among the jurors duties is the selection of winners of the numerous awards. Some locations in which the show has been held are; The Scarborough Civic Centre, The Bowmanville Visual Art Centre, The McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa, The Belleville Library Gallery, Neilson Park Creative Centre in Etobicoke and The Shenkman Cultural Centre in Ottawa.

One of the highlights of the year is the long running "Mystery of the Park" exhibition held each autumn at The Visitors Centre in Algonquin Park. With great exposure and good sales since 1993, ECOAA has a long history with the Park and the Sorensen's who donate the awards. A great opportunity to bring Canadian Art to collectors from around the world.

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## **Newsletter**

Four times a year, what is considered to be one of the best and most informative bulletins is produced. It contains news of members past and upcoming shows, information of workshops, sales, links to member websites, videos and other items of general interest. The digital copy is always available on the member's page of the website.

## **Website**

[www.ecoaa.ca](http://www.ecoaa.ca) features an online gallery of members work, with links to their websites. It has all the late breaking news, maps to paint-out locations, colour images, and links to areas of interest. Download your entry forms and registrations. All the information you need right at your fingertips.

## **Join Us**

Our membership includes artists at various stages of competence. Many are new painters who are eager to learn, others are fulltime professionals who enjoy interacting with other artist. The membership fee is modest, the rewards are great.

## **Volunteer**

ECOAA runs smoothly because of the hard work put in by its volunteers. Do you have a special talent or just the time to give a helping hand? Elections for the executive are held yearly at the AGM held during the Fall Workshop. Like many groups, a small number of people often do most of the work ... any help is very appreciated, from taking notes as the secretary to helping out with exhibitions or reporting on news in your area .