

ECOAA's FALL ART RETREAT

Mon Oct 20 – Wed Oct 22, 2025



Charles Spratt

Our **Featured Artist** will do the **Demo** on Monday and lead the **Show N'Tell** on Tuesday.



Charles Spratt is a nationally recognized artist, who is represented in fine galleries in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. Charles has been painting professionally for more than 35 years with more than 25 solo gallery exhibitions to date.

Charles taught watercolours and acrylics at a number of Ontario college summer schools for ten years and has given workshops across Canada. He has appeared on television on several occasions to demonstrate his talent as a painter. In 2007, along with nine nationally recognized artists representing the 10 provinces of Canada, he was invited to represent Ontario at a ten – day art symposium in Baie-Saint Paul, Que. His large acrylic, Dickinson Days, produced at that symposium, was purchased in Newfoundland during the subsequent cross-Canada exhibition.

He has painted the Canadian landscape from the Rockies to Newfoundland. More recently his plein air painting trips are for the most part to Charlevoix and the Eastern Townships of Quebec and Algonquin Park and Eastern Ontario. He has won many awards for work both in watercolour and more recently in acrylics.

Charles Spratt is a past president and Fellow of the Ottawa Watercolour Society (OWS). He is an elected signature member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour (CSPWC), the Society of Canadian Artists (SCA) and the Ontario Society of Artists (OSA).

His home and studio are located in the Village of Manotick within the City of Ottawa.

“I believe that I am painting some of my best work these days. I will never stop looking for better ways to express my feelings in art: a philosophy that was part of every workshop I taught and remains an important part of my painting today!” Charles Spratt

Galilee Centre, 398 John St. N, Arnprior, ON K7S 2P6 (613) 623-4242

<https://www.galileecentre.com/>

The Galilee Centre is less than 1 hour from Ottawa; 1.5 hrs from Barry's Bay; 2 hours from Kingston. **Each room features a wardrobe, reading desk and a private sink. All bathrooms/showers are shared. No ensuite rooms. Genders are located in different wings.** The Centre overlooks the Ottawa River, walk to the 'Grove' mature pine forest, close to Robert Simpson Park with public bathrooms; 10min drive to picturesque Pakenham on the Mississippi River and the Blakeney Rapids.

The historic Galilee Centre is a converted lumber baron stone residence and attached dorm. The center is located within the town of Arnprior with shops and boutiques within a 5min walk away. All meals are prepared fresh, in-house and they are able to accommodate most dietary restrictions. Meals are buffet style with an unlimited tea/coffee service and bowl of fresh fruit. There is a fridge where we can store any personal supplies near the Dining Room. There is a large covered, screened in porch and indoor communal activity/gathering room. Galilee is not licensed to serve alcohol. However, we will obtain a Liquor Permit and drinks will be provided. There are endless painting opportunities; forest, the Ottawa River, quaint cottages, outbuildings, pretty town, and more by short drive to a stone bridge and waterfalls.

SCHEDULE FOR 2 DAY ART RETREAT:

Monday	<i>You Can arrive earlier to meet friends and/or go painting</i> 1:00 PM – Arrive and set up painting stations in Oblate Room (if desired) – Opportunity to paint outside (weather permitting) 3:00 PM – Check into Room 5:00 PM – Welcome Meet & Greet – meet in Dining Room 6:00 PM – Buffet Dinner 7:00 PM – Painting Demo in Oblate Room 8:30 PM – Mix & Mingle -Drinks & Snacks
Tuesday	8:00 AM – Hot Breakfast Buffet 12:00 PM – Buffet Lunch 5:00 PM – Mix & Mingle – Drinks & Snacks 5:45 PM – Group Photo 6:00 PM – Buffet Dinner 7:30 PM - Show N'Tell in the Oblate Room 8:30 PM – Mix & Mingle
Wednesday	8:00 AM – Hot Breakfast Buffet 11:00 AM – Check-out of rooms NOON – Check-out of Painting Room - Oblate Room

DEADLINE to register: September 5, 2025 Register early – don't be disappointed. Space is limited and registration may close earlier if numbers have been reached.

You must be a current* paid up ECOAA member to attend. (to join, see below).

Invite your friends to join ECOAA and paint with you.

Galilee Centre requires you to **book directly for your room and meals with Galilee.**

An ECOAA registration fee will need to be paid separately, directly to ECOAA to cover administration costs, demo artist, snacks, soft drinks. Alcoholic drinks will be donated.

REGISTRATION – Fall Art Retreat, Galilee Centre, Oct 20-22, 2025

STEP 1 – Book Room and meals directly with Galilee using link:

\$297.40 single room (\$232.66 Double Occupancy)

<https://www.galileecentre.com/products-page/uncategorized/ecoaa-retreat-october-2025/>

Be sure to advise Galilee of any special meal or accessibility requirements

Attendees may add an additional night by reserving directly with the centre. (613) 623-4242

STEP 2 – Art Retreat Registration with ECOAA:

\$75 Fee payable via e-transfer to ecoaatreasurer@gmail.com

note your e-transfer comments “Fall Galilee and who you are paying for”

Register by email to Scott Rubie rubiesw@gmail.com

with the following information or call 613-432-9236:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Please indicate

- I have already registered with Galilee for my room and meals ☐

- I have paid the ECOAA registration fee via etransfer ☐

- I am a paid-up member ☐ **You must be a paid up ECOAA member to attend the retreat.**

Cancellation: – You must cancel with Galilee AND with ECOAA:

- Galilee’s cancellation policy and fee: <https://www.galileecentre.com/hosting/rates/>
- Written notice of cancellation by email to rubiesw@gmail.com
- Cancel before Thursday Oct 9, 2025 – 100% Refund of \$75 ECOAA Fee
- Cancel Thurs Oct 9, 2025 or later, receive \$65 refund of ECOAA Fee

Pay Fee by cheque: Payable to ECOAA –mail to Judi Myers, Treasurer ECOAA, 4026 Dalmac Rd, Osgoode, ON K0A 2W0 You can mail this completed paper form to Judi with your cheque too.

***Note: ECOAA’s Annual Membership is \$50.**

Pay by e-transfer to ecoaatreasurer@gmail.com Comment “Membership and who paying for”
and enter your contact information at <https://www.ecoaa.ca/membership.html>

ECOAA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2025 – paper based

(online entry preferred)

\$50 new and renewing member

ECOAA Membership is valid from January 1 to December 31.

Please PRINT!

First & Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City or Town and Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email address _____ Your Website _____

Only your name and email and website (if you have one) are published on our website under the password protected area, Member Resources. You can find contact info for your friends there.

Please make cheque payable to East Central Ontario Art Association (or ECOAA) and mail to:
ECOAA MEMBERSHIP c/o Sheila Davis PO Box 572 Beaverton ON L0K 1A0

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