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Artists and Artisans Announced for deCoste Culture Hub

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(Pictou County) Sixteen artists and artisans have been selected to create thirteen public art pieces located in and around the new deCoste Culture Hub, currently under construction in Pictou, Nova Scotia, and set to open in September 2024.

The deCoste Culture Hub is a partnership of the Town of Pictou, the Municipality of the County of Pictou, the deCoste Performing Arts Centre, and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library. Selection of the artists and the artwork was completed by a committee of volunteers interested in arts and culture and representatives of the four partners. “It was not easy selecting the final artists.” says Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library. “There is incredible talent and creativity in the community and across the region.” Pieces include not only traditional media, but metal, fabric, and digital artwork as well.

Public art is an important part of the project and intended to enrich the experience of those visiting the culture hub, both residents and visitors. The inclusion of public art also offers a sample of the amazing talent in the area and provides significant investment in the creative economy. Most importantly, it offers the opportunity to inspire, create discussion, and paint a picture of our diverse community.

The project team is seeking donors/sponsors for selected art pieces. Should anyone be interested in learning more, please call 902-755-6031 or email culturehubpc@parl.ns.ca.

The artists and artisans.

- Thekla Altmann – Exterior project - patio.
- Carolyn Bedford – Acrylic painting.
- Kiva-Marie Belt – Exterior project - garden.
- Holly Carr – Silk mural.
- Doretta Groenendyk – Acrylic mural.
- Linda Johns – Poetry and painted shelving end panels.
- Katherine Knight and Nick Rocha – Interactive digital exhibit.
- Karen LeBlanc – Fibre art – shelving end panels.
- Fenn Martin and Denise Lynch – Ceramic artwork.
- Dawn MacNutt – Exterior project – sculpture.
- Theresa MacKenzie – Watercolour mural.
- Benoit Paradis – Banners.
- Alan Syliboy and Darren Martin – Exterior sculpture.

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