

Thank you from Kate Hobin

During these exceptional times, I express my sincere best wishes to the creative community of Osoyoos. I want to express my gratitude for being allowed the opportunity to become part of your lives through my service on the Osoyoos & District Arts Council (O.D.A.C.) Board of Directors – first as Secretary and more recently as the Vice President. Over the past 20 months I have had the good fortune to work with dedicated people who believe in the value of the arts not only as the ‘glue’ that binds community but also as the ‘heartbeat, the pulse’ of a vibrant and successful community that leads with creative innovation to connect, share and build for the future. O.D.A.C. Board members and the Committee Members representing the Osoyoos Concert Series (OCS) and The ART Gallery Osoyoos (TAGO), creators of all ages and in all genres, community members, business owners, Arts Council Members and Member Groups, educators, advocates, town leaders – all who support the arts and thrive because of them – have and continue to be critical to the health of Osoyoos. There is no time that this has been more urgently needed than the present.

After much personal reflection, I recently decided that it was time for me to step down from the Board of Directors and shift my energy to a more ‘hands on’ role within the organization. I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed as Curator of The ART Gallery Osoyoos effective May 1st. Thank you to TAGO Committee for placing your trust in me. I’m looking forward to working with you soon. Although the doors of the Gallery may not be open as usual, there is work to be done. With the Committee’s guidance, I will learn the ropes and we will work together to develop ‘new’ ways of showcasing the arts while ‘dancing’ to the tune of the pandemic and adhering to physical distancing.

Finally, my thanks go out to the Board Members for supporting my shift in involvement with O.D.A.C. and for all you are doing behind the scenes to ensure that O.D.A.C. steadies the course to Celebrate the Arts and Enrich the Community.

Regards
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