

Thanks for joining LAGS! What happens now?

The Lunenburg Art Gallery Society was founded in 1972, with a mandate to promote the work and legacy of local artist Earl Bailly. Earl was paralyzed by polio as a toddler in 1905, and went on to achieve great prominence as a painter and printmaker. He used his mouth to hold brushes and tools, creating many hundreds of artworks celebrating Lunenburg's working waterfront. LAGS maintains a display of his paintings at the gallery and stewards a large collection of his work. In order to support this mission, we operate this community hub, selling work by local artists in lieu of fundraising.



Today LAGS has a growing list of around 150 members each year. Joining LAGS is a great way to be part of a thriving community of local artists and collectors. We are proud to exhibit work by artists of any age, medium, skill and experience level. We value diversity and celebrate our LGBTQ+ artists with a Pride show every summer.

Please explore our website at www.lunenburgartgallery.com. Here you'll find all events, exhibition dates, member benefits as well a list of current member artists. We'll do our best to add your name there automatically, but give us a week or two to update the site after you join.

In exchange for all the benefits we offer, we *anticipate* that you will volunteer some time or skills to our organization. The Lunenburg Art Gallery Society is run exclusively by its members who volunteer.

Here are a few ways you can help:

1. "Sit" the Gallery - The very best way to help out is to take a shift as a gallery attendant. This role is essential for the 130 shifts that we are open per season - and yes every shift is done by LAGS volunteer members!



This role mostly entails opening the gallery and helping visitors buy your art they love. Sitting the gallery is a great way to meet other members, artists and collectors, to talk about your own artwork or even make some art during your shift. We do our very best to keep it as relaxed and enjoyable as possible. Shifts are 5 hours long from 11am-4pm, but you can also split a shift or work the entire shift with a friend (or a friend to be). To sign up, visit the online schedule app at signup.com/go/VigrQOH or use the easy QR code above. We will train you even if you are intimidated by the sales process, fancy machines, computers, money handling and visitors. We are aware this can be an issue for some, so we are working on specialized individual training and regular ongoing orientation sessions, all coming up in the 2026 season! *Fun fact: There are only 130 shifts in each season, and we have over 150 members each year!*

2. Jump Right In! Many dedicated members will join the board of directors, chair committees and help with the "behind the scenes" running of the gallery and its programs. If that's something that interests you, please get in touch, it's that simple!

3. Check out our Jobs Board. What's going on at the gallery can change with the tides, so we keep all our biggest 'most wanted' jobs on one page at lunenburgartgallery.com/Jobs. Add your name to some committees, be on-call for shift emergencies or taking over our social media are just some examples of jobs that are always available. Check off as many boxes as you can and we'll get in touch!

Are You An Artist?

Though many of our members are just supporters and art appreciators, most are active local artists. There are several ways for artists to make use of the gallery throughout the year. Although LAGS is a not-for-profit gallery, it retains a 40% commission on all art sales in order to pay the rent and keep the lights on. If your work sells, you should receive a cheque for 60% of the sale price within 45 days. If you're registered for HST, let us know when you join.

Here are some of the ways you can make the most of your membership:

1. Monthly Exhibitions

All shows open on the First Friday of the month, April thru October. All members are welcome to participate in as many of these shows as they wish.

Each month has a different theme, listed on the website and included with your membership card. To enter each show, you'll need to register new artwork on or before the last Friday of the month. Then bring it during intake days (Sunday and Monday before each show, from 1-4pm).

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29 Intake is always on the Sunday & Monday before	30 the show.				Every show opens on the First Friday of the month.	

As long as your work is registered by the deadline and arrives during (or before) intake, it will be included whether it fits the theme or not. It might sound complicated, but once you get the hang of it you should get into the rhythm. You'll find all of our artwork display criteria on our registration page, please read that section thoroughly before registering.

2. Cards, Prints, Bookmarks, Jewelry and more...

In addition to the art on our walls every month, we have a few other items available by our artists all summer. Unframed prints, watercolours, jewelry and tiny multiples can be left at the gallery for the entirety of the season and replaced as they sell.

We ask that you not drop any work off at the gallery unless you've registered them on the website first, or received confirmation from the chair of that committee. Our inventory of art cards and bookmarks are purchased directly from members by the gallery for 50% of their retail price. These are accepted twice a year, at a maximum of 20 cards per artist each time. Keep an eye on the monthly newsletter for intake announcements/calls-to-artists.

3. Rent the Gallery

Once our season of exhibitions is over, you can host your own! Pop-up shows, holiday crafts, group shows and workshops are all great ways to use the space during the winter months. You must be a current LAGS member to rent the gallery, but you're welcome to share the space with non-member friends as you wish. For more information visit the website at <https://www.lunenburgartgallery.com/Rent>, or reach us by email at rentals@lunenburgartsociety.ca.