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Meet Izabella Orzelski, our critic for the March meeting.

**M**Y LIFE IS DICTATED BY the politeness and comfort associated with being a Canadian, and the emotional excesses of having a Slavic soul. Life is rich and beautiful and I am on a quest to explore it to the fullest. Art has always been an integral part of my life, though painting suits my personality the most. I feel transplanted into my own magical world, while standing in front of an empty canvas; there is always a new beginning with an infinite number of possible endings. I like this very much.

Lately, I have discovered my own garden as a source of inspiration. Here, the potential of colouristic nuances is limitless while the labyrinth of organic shapes evokes pleasant memories of the past. Canada's summers are short lived; this is reflected in my painterly technique with its vigorous strokes and, in most cases, thick paint application to capture the fleeting moment in time.

For my future artistic endeavours I do not have a clear path; rather, I want to let my passion and new life experiences lead/take me on a new visual journey. I am open to new, "yet to come" possibilities. Adapted from Izabella's artist statement which can be found at [www.izabellaorzelski.com/about](http://www.izabellaorzelski.com/about)



### NOLA BUKVI

Beautiful blues. A touch of Naples Yellow Light would add energy in the whitecaps. Also, a few strokes of transparent olive green in the water would add depth and harmony to the painting. Perhaps the bow of the boat needs to be wrapped in its wake. Losing the outline will create more distance from the back of the boat to the front.



### JUDY WHITE

A beautifully executed painting. The whitish hood on the right side of the face could be slightly angled and softened. Warming up the blue around the brighter blue would break up the single blue tone framing the head. This could be done by introducing a different colour.



### M SALAYI

The nice diagonal lines evoke energy in the painting. Naples Yellow in the background could be added to the fore ground snowbank. The sky has wonderful brush strokes and is enlivened with the varied blues.



### MICHAELA YANISH

A very nice transition of colour to another in the water. I love the subtle introduction of red in the horizon which the eye can't really see and the brain picks it up. Try making the left and right reflections different by introducing purple with a tiny bit of green. The dominant colour on the one side could be a purple and the other colour on the other side could be green. The fore ground is anchored well.

# CRITIQUES



## MARY FRANCES FITZGERALD

This is a good painting and would be well suited with others with different patterns and similar mark makings. Blue would be a good addition. Light modelling paste could be used in this abstract format.



## FRANCES HESSELS

Fantastic! The colour palette and mood are beautiful! The use of warm and cool colours brought the essence of the person. The face is an expertly composed focal point. Very successful.



## KEITH NUNAS

This has great temperature of colour and composition. A sophisticated piece with implied lines directing the eye to see the excitement of this piece. The diagonal lines create interest. The tonal colours of the trees are well rendered. A very exciting piece with great atmosphere perspective. Great use of warm colours of the trees in front.



## CHERYL JOHNSON

This is very well achieved with the palette knife. The mountains could be scratched a bit more to unify this painting. The building furthest away could be a little darker in value. The orange connects nicely through this painting.



## MEHAR KAUR

This a beautiful illustration for a story. Beautiful colours and good composition. The great use of colours exudes happiness. The car in the background could be toned down as it's further away.



## JENNY RODRIGUE

The temperature of the colours, cool and warm brings this plant to life. The plant is painted realistically. The background needs more development. The sand in front of the plant needs to be more noticeable. Add a few more markings in the sand to emphasize the texture.

# CRITIQUES



**ADA WONG**

Good colour contrasts and mark making. The line extending from the puppy's back could be softened. Enhance the shadows of the base of the thumb to better separate it from the rest of the palm.



**JAMES TARDIFF**

Beautifully done. The hatching on the candle is well done. Great movement with lots of energy and nice organic shapes. This is a successful piece.



**CARMELLA HAYKOWSKY**

Good composition and nice fluid lines. Add some Naples Yellow to the snow on the mountains. The island shoreline needs to have a sharper edge.

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3. The deadline for delivery is between June 1 and 30, 2025

*The exhibition runs July 4 to Aug 26, 2025*

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# ***SLOW ART DAY APRIL 5, 2025***

Slow Art Day is a worldwide movement that takes place annually in museums, galleries, artist studios, and any other venue where art can be found.

Slow looking—slowing down and treating each artwork like a special event—is a transformative practice that makes time for new understanding of art.

“Neuroscience has confirmed what ancient artists always knew: we see only a tiny fraction of what is around us. To widen the lens and allow more in, we must slow down. And it turns out that slowing down not only helps us see more, but ... brings with it the joy of discovering more”

**—THE SLOW ART DAY WEBSITE.**

<https://thinkingmuseum.com/2022/03/30/what-is-slow-art-day/>

“Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has known”

## **World Art Day April 15, 2025**

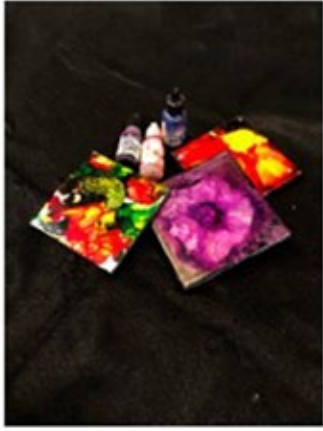
*celebrate*



OUR APRIL 2025 CRITIC  
DAVID SHKOLNY

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# Alcohol Inks Workshop



\$90 Members \$100 Non Members

All Supplies Included

April 12, 2025

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Betty's House

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<https://www.edmontonartclub.com/workshops/alcohol-inks>

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## Cybersecurity Alert: Safeguarding Against Fraudulent Emails

- In today's digital age, internet and email frauds are increasingly sophisticated, posing a constant threat to our personal and financial security. It is crucial for all members to remain vigilant and cautious when dealing with unsolicited emails or unfamiliar websites.
- Cybercriminals often use deceptive tactics to gain access to sensitive information, and falling victim to these schemes can have serious consequences.
- This year alone, several members of our executive committee were independently targeted by these fraudsters, highlighting the importance of staying alert.
- To protect yourself, always verify the authenticity of the email sender before responding or clicking on any links.
- Be sure to check the email address carefully, as scammers often use addresses that closely resemble legitimate ones. Look for subtle discrepancies, such as misspellings or unusual domain names.
- If you receive an unexpected email requesting personal information or payment, reach out to the organization directly using a verified contact method to confirm its legitimacy.

## EDMONTON ART CLUB: CELEBRATES WORLD COLLAGE DAY, May 10, 2025 AN ONLINE EVENT

Second Saturday of May: “ A 21st-century Art Movement”

Initiated: by Kolaj Institute - <https://kolajmagazine.com/content/news/world-collage-day-2025>  
(Poster-artist [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYp88Edf\\_Mk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYp88Edf_Mk) with Rick Kassini, founder, 2017)

**Our Purpose** is to celebrate collage as an art medium and encourage Edmonton Art Club members to connect with their current reflections or reactions to life in 2025. Please send a title and a public sentence that suggests your feelings, emotions, or responses to your work.

**How to Collage** All skill levels and types are accepted. A collage is a form of visual art in which elements are combined to create a new image conveying a message or idea. There are numerous ways to collage: papier colle, decoupage, photo montage and assemblage.

<https://www.masterclass.com/articles/what-is-a-collage>

**SIZE: DIGITAL PDF** submissions - No larger than 8 x 12 inches, depending on the number of submissions, we might need to downsize some of the submissions.

**Submission Date:** May 1, 2025 (maryfrances.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

**Collage File Build:** May 2-8, 2025, by MF Fitzgerald

**Online Posting:** May 10, 2025 - Virtual Exhibition

**Newsletter Edition** to the June 2025 newsletter by Rob Guetre. Depending on the number of submissions, we might need to downsize some of them.

### How to create a collage:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUOMhVwnQ98> by MOMA (The Museum of Modern Art)  
Helena Metafiera (Artist) 20 minutes

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYp88Edf\\_Mk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYp88Edf_Mk) by Blue LavaArt by Jessica Russo Scherr  
(School Art Educator) 8 minutes



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# Seniors Programs at the Art Gallery of Alberta

**Cinema for Seniors**  
2nd Friday of the month from 2-4:30pm  
\$5 for Seniors

Join us for a film screening inspired by art and our current exhibitions. Following the film, guests are invited to a 30-minute discussion, including tea and treats. Please visit our website to learn which film we are viewing each month, and to register in advance.

**Seniors' Tours**  
Last Friday of the month from 2-3pm  
Free with admission

Every month we visit a new exhibition at the AGA for a tour or program led by our incredible Curators and Educators. Please visit our website to learn which exhibition we are visiting each month and to register in advance.



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The AFA believes in the full and equal participation of all citizens in the economy, polity, and society. The AFA manifests this belief through its policies and programs that promote inclusive citizenship in two distinct ways: in the arts and through the arts.

<https://www.affta.ab.ca/EDIA>

- In the arts means encouraging a diversity of artists, arts organizations, and audiences to participate through inclusive access to opportunities and resources in the arts sector
- Through the arts refers to the use of art as a vehicle to help Albertans learn how to respond to differences in ways that enable dialogue, promote a sense of trust and belonging, and pave the way for innovation, vibrancy, and meaningful structural changes.

The objectives of the AFA's Pluralism Policy are to:

- Advance equity, diversity, inclusion, and access by committing to pluralism in the arts.
- Promote dialogue, understanding, AFA pluralism, and vibrancy by committing to a pluralist Alberta through the arts.
- Guide the implementation of the Pluralism Policy by the AFA.

See this short explainer video to learn more:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W60KcQ\\_gaYQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W60KcQ_gaYQ)

We Welcome Carmella  
to the EAC





## Black Cat Ranch Art Retreat

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May 2 to May 4, 2025

Black Cat Ranch

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# Edmonton's Thriving Art Scene

## NIGHT OF ARTISTS

M F Fitzgerald B.Ed., M. Ed.

“DOORS KEPT OPENING, AND WITH UNCERTAINTY,  
I KEPT WALKING THROUGH THEM.”

*Phil Alain*

**A** SA LONG-TIME EDMONTONIAN, I am grateful for the enthusiasm and dedication Phil Alain has demonstrated by building and increasing awareness of the Edmonton and Alberta Art Scene.

Not only that, he has invigorated a new life for Bonnie Doon Mall and the opportunities within.

His ultimate goal is to create a significant cultural hub in Edmonton, and he is doing just that.

Aside from the weekend art vendors, significant art walks, and his central and secondary art galleries and pop-ups across from the prominent art gallery, this mall represents diversity with all the interesting and fabulous shops sharing their cultures. The newest NOA magazine states, “Edmonton’s art scene is a vibrant tapestry woven from the threads of countless artists, organizations, and festivals”.

Nurturing creativity, Phil is connected with Alberta’s great Art Clubs such as:

- The Budding Art Collective
- Society of Western Canadian Artists (SWACA)
- Sculptors Association of Alberta (SAA)
- Edmonton Art Club (EAC)
- Alberta Community Art Clubs Association (ACACA)
- Federation of Canadian Artists
- Art Society of Strathcona County. (ASSC)

Phil stated, “Numerous art clubs further enrich Edmonton’s artistic vitality.” We are grateful.

The LRT stops at Bonnie Doon Mall on Whyte Avenue, where the buses run steadily. The mall has a bowling alley, restaurants, and key retailers such as Safeway, Dollarama, Shoppers, banks, and shops. The longtime Bonnie Doon neighborhood is awash with new builds and has a creative vibe that suggests an engaging and

friendly neighborhood. We Edmontonians enjoy revitalization.

The newest NOA magazine (vol. 17, 2025) has been revived and is a Keeper. Pick one up and see and share the magic of Alberta Artists.

Finally, thank you, Phil Alain.



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# The Intersection of Expression and Appreciation: Reflections from the Night of Artists Artwalk

An overview and perspective

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Authored by Seraya Smit

## An Artist's Journey and the Enthusiast's Perspective at a Celebrated Edmonton Event



The Night of Artists (NOA) Artwalk has long stood as a testament to the vibrancy and depth of Edmonton's art scene. For over 27 years, artists and enthusiasts alike have come together in celebration of creativity, innovation, and the stories that emerge through artistic expression.

Spearheaded by visionary artist Phil Alain, this event has grown to symbolize more than just an exhibition—it is a communal gathering, an emotional journey, and an enriching experience for all involved.

### The Artist's Perspective

For artists, the NOA Artwalk represents more than the act of displaying their works; it is a declaration of courage and vulnerability. Standing alongside their creations in a public space is an act of sharing a piece of their soul, inviting admiration, critique, or contemplation.

This process demands confidence, readiness to engage, and a willingness to connect on a deeply human level. At the same time, it serves as a humbling experience, reminding artists of the shared nature of art and its impact.

While some artists focus on using NOA as a platform to sell their works and build their careers, many view it as a chance for dialogue and meaningful exchange. The opportunity to showcase series or works-in-progress alongside completed pieces reflects the diversity of artistic journeys and approaches.

For many, the experience is less about transactions and more about fostering understanding, gaining feedback, and drawing inspiration from the event's energy.

Months, or even years, of dedication often culminate in this weekend, making it both exhilarating and exhausting in equal measure.

### The Enthusiast's Perspective

From the other side of the equation, art enthusiasts flock to the NOA Artwalk for diverse reasons. Some are drawn to discover new talent or acquire original pieces, while others come to immerse themselves in the creative atmosphere and connect with the human stories behind the art.

For these attendees, each artist's booth provides a unique window into an individual's journey—the passion, struggles, and triumphs captured on canvas.

The diversity of participating artists, ranging from seasoned professionals to those exploring fresh ideas, showcases the richness of the art world.

Enthusiasts often value this spectrum, as it offers an opportunity for meaningful connections and provides insight into the evolving narratives within the creative community.

### Bridging Two Worlds

What makes events like the NOA Artwalk so remarkable is their ability to bridge the artist's perspective with that of the enthusiast.

Artists find validation and inspiration in seeing their work appreciated, while audiences deepen their understanding of the creative process through engagement and dialogue. This mutual exchange fosters a dynamic energy that infuses the event and connects all participants.

Through feedback and interaction, artists refine their craft and expand their horizons. Meanwhile, enthusiasts are offered a glimpse into the often-unseen facets of artistic creation—a reminder of creativity's power to connect and resonate on a human level.

### Conclusion

The Night of Artists Artwalk transcends the traditional notion of an art event. It is a celebration of expression, resilience, and community. For artists, it provides a platform to step out of their studios and into a shared space where their visions can be appreciated and understood. For art lovers, it opens doors to inspiration and insight, offering moments of connection with the stories that make each piece unique.

By uniting these perspectives, events like NOA foster a sense of belonging and mutual appreciation. They remind us of the significance of creativity in building bridges, telling stories, and bringing people together. And in that, perhaps, lies the true beauty of the Night of Artists Artwalk

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*"It is my belief that we are the custodians of preserving and safeguarding the historical significance of the Edmonton Art Club." Seraya Smit is past-president and webdesigner for the Edmonton Art Club.*

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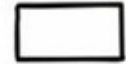
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Monet

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**A**

Luncheon  
on the grass

**B**

Wallowing  
on a rock

**C**

Water lilies  
on a pond

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It is funded provincially and municipally and provides a communications hub between members of the visual arts community and the general public. Visual Arts Alberta – CARFAC is the affiliate for the national arts organization Canadian Artists Representation/le front des artistes canadiens.

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