

**Press Release**  
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**George St. United Church Community Hub and the Art School of Peterborough offering Portrait Mentorship for County-wide Exhibition**

**Peterborough, ON, February 28, 2013** --- George St. United Church Community Hub and the Art School of Peterborough have collaborated to support Community Living Peterborough's *Peterborough in Portrait* Art Exhibition. Overseen by professional artist Gene Canning, portrait classes in several mediums will be offered at both locations in support of the inclusive portrait exhibition. George St. United Church will be hosting a series of four eight-week free workshops (donations welcome) with professional art teachers, including well-known portrait artist Anne Cavanagh from the Art School of Peterborough. The Art School of Peterborough will offer additional portrait classes, in addition to their winter and spring courses and workshops, that will focus on supporting youth and teen involvement in the exhibition.

**What courses are available?**

- Eight weeks of free workshops (donations welcome) at **George St. United Church** will begin in April 2013 and will be open to all members of our community. For information on the Portrait Mentorship program, please email [peterboroughinportrait@gmail.com](mailto:peterboroughinportrait@gmail.com) or call Lisa Clarke at (705) 743-2412 ext. 539.
- The **Art School of Peterborough** is hosting:
  - > "Me, Myself, and I" youth portrait workshop with Elizabeth Adlam on Saturday, March 2 (12:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
  - > "Face It" portrait workshop with Anne Cavanagh on Saturday, March 3 (10:00 am to 4:00 pm)
  - > Youth portrait workshop on Saturday, May 25 (10:00 am to 2:00 pm)
  - > Teen portrait workshop on Friday, May 10 and Friday, May 17 (6:30 pm to 9:00 pm)

Contact the Art School of Peterborough at (705) 742-3221 for course fees and to register.

**About the Exhibition:** Community Living Peterborough, in partnership with the Canadian Canoe Museum, is calling for portrait submissions from artists - professional, emerging, aspiring and student - living in the City or County of Peterborough in order to create an exhibition mosaic of portraits representing our dynamic and diverse citizenship. Entitled **Peterborough in Portrait: Our Inclusive Community**, the exhibition will celebrate Community Living Peterborough's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and its mandate to open doors to equal opportunities for people living with an intellectual disability.

Curated by **Michael Dumas**, Peer Christensen and Jeremy Ward, the exhibition will be showcased at the Canadian Canoe Museum from Saturday, June 15 to Saturday, June 22, 2013 with a public opening on Sunday, June 16, 2013.

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