

# **KITCHENER-WATERLOO ART GALLERY KWAG.CA**

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## **Incredible Bequest Transforms KWAG's Education Initiatives: Introducing the Richard and Betty Anne Education Hub**

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) is delighted to announce the extraordinary bequest received from Elizabeth (Betty) Anne and Richard Rooke, esteemed philanthropists and avid supporters of the arts. Their exceptional contribution will greatly impact the Gallery's educational initiatives, leading to the establishment of the Richard and Betty Anne Rooke Education Hub.

The bequest from Betty Anne and Richard Rooke is a testament to their deep appreciation for the transformative power of art and the vital role of education in fostering creativity, critical thinking and community engagement. Their visionary support will enable KWAG to further its mission of providing accessible, inclusive and enriching arts education programs for the diverse community of Kitchener-Waterloo and beyond.

KWAG's Executive Director, Shirley Madill, remarks, "Legacy gifts are not only a testament to the generosity and foresight of our donors but also a crucial investment in the future of our art gallery. They ensure that our collections and exhibitions will continue to inspire and educate future generations."

Recognizing the immense generosity and commitment of Betty Anne and Richard Rooke, KWAG has chosen to name our Education Hub after them, honouring their lasting legacy and dedication to the arts. The Richard and Betty Anne Rooke Education Hub will stand as a lasting testament to their remarkable philanthropy and unwavering support for the Gallery's educational mission.

KWAG extends its deepest gratitude for this profound investment in the future of arts education. This transformative gift will ensure that KWAG continues to inspire and empower generations to come, fostering creativity, cultural understanding and personal growth through the power of art.

We invite the entire community to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion and to witness the impact of the Richard and Betty Anne Rooke Education Hub firsthand. This space is located in the lobby of the Gallery and accessible during our open hours.

## About KWAG

As Waterloo region's leading public art gallery, KWAG connects people and ideas through art. Its nationally-acclaimed exhibitions and programs welcome all to be inspired and challenged through a deepened understanding of ourselves, our cultures and our communities. For the benefit of current and future generations, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery collects, preserves, researches, interprets, and exhibits the visual arts. It offers dynamic public programs that inspire creativity and an appreciation of the visual arts in the Region and beyond. Established in 1956 and incorporated in 1968, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is a non-profit organization open to the public and administered in the public trust.

Exhibitions frequently draw upon selections from over 4300 works from the Permanent Collection to provide a context and forum for dialogue on current exhibitions and contemporary issues. KWAG plays a vital educational role in the community, offering a full spectrum of artistic experiences for adults, children and families alike.

KWAG is open to the public:  
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm,  
Thursday 9:30 am - 9:00 pm,  
Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
and Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

KWAG is accessible and free to the public, courtesy of CIBC Private Wealth Wood Gundy, Allan Bush Investment Team.



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