

The Tour des Arts is back for its 32nd edition

After a COVID-imposed break in 2020, the **Tour des Arts** is back

This is an opportunity to acquire exceptional works of art and crafts. For nine consecutive days, **from July 10 to July 18, (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) 36 artists and artisans** in Abercorn, Brome, East Bolton, Knowlton, Potton, Sutton, West Bolton and West Brome, and surrounding areas, will open their studio doors in order to show off what they have been working on for the past two years. The Tour des Arts brochure will be available by the end of May in tourist offices and local shops. You can download it from the web at <https://tourdesarts.com>.

This invitation into the artist's private creative spaces is a chance to discover what goes on behind the scenes; see expert painters in their natural habitat; find out how jewelry is made; and perhaps allow yourself to be tempted to acquire a piece of original art.

A full range of arts and crafts

The Tour des Arts, a collective of seasoned artists, presents an impressive variety of traditional, innovative, utilitarian and decorative art and objects. This year, the Tour is proud to welcome seven new members: painters Ewa Sheer and Gary Hamilton; ceramist Alisa Sushko; stained-glass artist Shelly-Lynn Page; jeweller Lucy Pietraszkiewicz; cabinetmaker John Glendinning; and sculptor Philippe Chevarier.

Which artist to visit?

To help you plan your getaway, check out the **Tour des Arts group exhibition**, which features a sampling of work from each of the artists. There will be a **virtual vernissage on Friday, July 9**. (artssutton.com) **The exhibition runs from July 10 to July 18 at Arts Sutton Art Centre, 7 Academy, in Sutton.**

The Eastern Townships: worth a visit

One of the pleasures of the Tour des Arts is a chance to visit one of the most charming areas of Quebec. With brochure in hand, meander the bucolic countryside and feast on the panoramic views as you find your way to each of the studios.

The technique behind the artist

One feature of the **Tour des Arts** is that each artist will offer a demonstration to provide insight into some aspect of their artistic process. Check the brochure to find out what time demonstrations at each workshop take place. Arrive at the time indicated and see the artist at work.

The art of... food and hospitality

The fun doesn't end when the studios close. The Tour des Arts is also about indulging in the refined hospitality of the area's restaurants and B&B's. See the flyer for suggestions.

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