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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Shire Hall Showcases Local Art**

**PICTON** – On May 27, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Mertens officially welcomed the Prince Edward County Arts Council's expanded 'Art in the Community' program to Shire Hall. Judy Kent, President of PEC Arts Council and Jackie Smith, Chair of Art in the Community, along with artists John Gregg and Tina Osborne, joined Mayor Mertens as he presented works of art from more than 25 County artists.

Various mediums are displayed, including paintings in oil, watercolour, acrylic and encaustic; quilted textiles; folk art sculptures; porcelain ceramics; and prints. The public is welcome to view the 'gallery' of local art in Shire Hall during regular office hours. Displays will be refreshed on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

"Having this wonderful art in our buildings is a win-win situation for the Arts Council, the public, County Council and staff," said Mayor Peter A. Mertens. "The artists have new venues to showcase their works and the public and other users of municipal buildings can enjoy being surrounded by beautiful artwork. Shire Hall has never looked so good!"

The County's Strategic Plan identifies one of its seven main objectives as: "Preserve and promote the County's arts, culture, identity and quality of life". Council supports the Arts Council in its many initiatives that promote the arts in the County and its contribution to the County's strong rural creative economy. Council also provides financial assistance through the Community Grant Program.

The Prince Edward County Arts Council serves as an umbrella organization to encourage the development, appreciation and presentation of the arts in the County. The Arts Council is a not-for-profit, member directed, charitable organization with a volunteer Board of Directors. Its membership is composed of artists and artisans, County businesses, organizations and those who appreciate the arts.

'Art in the Community' is also on display in County offices in the Edward Building, QHC Prince Edward County Memorial and the Regent Theatre.

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