



**CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
2019 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD
FOR VISUAL ARTS**

ALGOMA ART SOCIETY

The Algoma Art Society is a non-profit organization, which was formed on January 16th, 1948 as a result of the enthusiasm of local artists for mutual support. The Algoma Art Society is the oldest visual art group in the city. Early recognition and congratulations were received from the Group of Seven. The group maintained an active and supportive relationship with the society in the early years by visiting the city, facilitating a workshop (1954) and being a jurist (1958).

The Society aims to develop the talent of local artists through classes, workshops and shared painting and sketching activities. Their talent and enthusiasm for art has extended into teaching and demonstrating the visual arts to all ages and in varied settings from the elementary to post-secondary schools, in the Seniors Centre, at the Algoma Gallery of Art and Conservatory. Workshops offered by prominent artists from AY Jackson to Gordon Mackenzie were open to the public and helped keep the art community stimulated.

Our members are the strength of the society. Members' art work is showcased at Stone's Office Supply, L&D Gallery and Framing and the Downtown Association which illustrates the vibrancy of the arts to visitors. In addition to the natural beauty surrounding us, having an active art community for seventy-one years has helped make the Sault vibrant, diverse and attractive to newcomers. Former and present members have gone onto become internationally acclaimed artists.