



## Visiting Artists in Lambton Schools (VALS) Program

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Principals and Grade 6 Teachers of Lambton County School Boards,

The Gallery in the Grove is once again pleased to offer Grade 6 students the **complimentary** Visiting Artists in Lambton Schools program, or **VALS**. This successful program, made possible by donations and Gallery sales, has been enhancing the Visual Arts Curriculum in Lambton County since 2001. Established local artists provide three 2-hour art lessons to Grade 6 students, or any combination of Grade 6 (5/6,6/7). Students will have a unique opportunity to explore techniques with Lambton County's own Dave Moore, Susan Perry and Stewart Fanning

This year we will feature selected works from your students along side our High School Art Show, Fast Forward, that runs from May 4th – June 1st. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to exhibit artwork and for the community to appreciate and encourage the talents of our budding artists.

In order to prepare a schedule for the artists and participating schools, we ask that the teachers of Grade 6 (5/6 or 6/7) contact the artists as soon as possible. Contact information is available on the attached "Teacher Information -VALS". Teachers can arrange dates and times that are most suitable for them. We would request that, if at all possible, the regular classroom teacher or regular art teacher is present in the classroom at the time of the program. While the Gallery in the Grove pays the artists and for special materials such as canvases and paints, schools are asked to provide the basic materials for the students (e.g. scissors, rulers, paper).

The Gallery in the Grove is a volunteer-run registered charitable organization that fosters awareness, appreciation, and pride in the artistic achievements of both emerging and established visual artists in our area and throughout Canada.

Thank you for your continuing support of the arts! We look forward to working with your school.

Sincerely,

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