



\$1000.00 Murray Jacob Clarkson Award

Application deadline: Friday, April 7, 2017, at 5pm

Objective: To provide encouragement and/or recognition of artistic development by the Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts to an emerging visual artist in the Georgian Triangle.

Eligibility: Any individual residing in the Georgian Triangle area.

Where to apply: Applications are available at the BMFA Arts Centre, 163 Hurontario Street, Collingwood, ON, at various locations throughout the Georgian Triangle and at www.bmfa.on.ca

Method of Selection: The Clarkson Committee, comprised of members of the Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts, will evaluate the submissions based on the following:

- Artistic Background of the Applicant
- Artistic Merit
- Originality and Creativity
- Artist's Submission Materials

Terms: A number of semi-finalists will be selected who will be required to show the committee a larger selection of their work. Of these, five finalists will have their work shown and for sale, in accordance with our Exhibition policy, in the Clarkson Gallery at the Arts Centre. The Finalists will be celebrated with a reception, and given recognition at the Annual Meeting and in our marketing and communications. Past winners of The Clarkson Award may not apply

If less than 12 entries are received, the organizers have the right, in their sole discretion, to cancel the 2017 award.

The same submission piece (artwork etc.) may not be entered in to the Juried Art Show.

“Murray insisted that one became an artist when one had the guts to call oneself an artist, charge appropriately for one’s work and demand the respect due for the investment of time and energy creative work involves.” Dennis Taylor

We invite you to recognize yourself as an artist and apply for the award, or to encourage an artist of your acquaintance to apply.

Application Form
Name
Address
Telephone
Email
Application Fee: \$20.00
Payment Type(please circle) Cash Cheque Other
Credit Card Payments can be made: In Person, at the BMFA Arts Centre by Phone: 705-445-3430 or on line at www.bmfa.on.ca
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In what media do you work? 2. How long have you considered yourself an artist?
Please submit the following along with this form. Failure to follow these requirements may result in disqualification.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One original, representative piece of your recent work produced in the last year. Please explain how this piece is representative and the reason it was selected for your submission. 2. Artist’s statement in 50 words or less, plus up to 5 digital images of current work. 3. Artist Biography and/or Curriculum Vitae (200 words or less) 4. A letter of recommendation in support of your artistic career. (Not from a spouse or relative).
Submit with \$20.00 fee to: The Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts 163 Hurontario Street, Collingwood, ON L9Y 4E8 Questions: 705-445-3430 or admin@bmfa.on.ca Deadline: Friday April 7, 2017 at 5pm. Applications must be received at the Arts Centre by the deadline to be considered. Artwork must be ready to hang as defined on the website.

About Murray Clarkson

December 12, 1933—March 10, 2009

Murray was born in Broadview, Saskatchewan, the youngest of 12 siblings. Murray attended the Vancouver School of Art and UBC, and then moved to Toronto to freelance as a fashion illustrator and painter. In Collingwood he was proprietor of the well loved Clarkson's Country Furniture on Pine Street.

Clerkson was also a well known local artist, eccentric with a dramatic flair in his own art. Throughout his own career, he strongly supported new and emerging artists by investing in their work and freely and positively commenting on their achievement.



About the Award

The prestigious Murry Clarkson Award has been created by bequest to the Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts by the late Mr. Clerkson. It is intended to celebrate the accomplishments of an outstanding, local, emerging, visual artist who demonstrated potential for significant contribution to the arts. It is given to an individual who has shown courage and determination in becoming an artist. Murray's wish is that the award would recognize an evolving or emerging artist, not yet professionally established, but who has reached a stage where he/she now possesses a body of work that indicates strength, purpose and commitment. The award is open to all artists working in any visual arts media or discipline.

About the BMFA

The Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts has been the pre-eminent, non-profit organization in the Georgian Triangle area for 35 years. Through annual volunteer organized events such as the Juried Art Show, we continue to support and promote the work of hundreds of talented artists who work in a wide range of creative fields. We support artists through our community and Arts Centre.

Our beautifully restored Arts Centre is located in downtown Collingwood — an historic town on the southern shore of Georgian Bay.

The Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts is proud of the contribution it makes to our regional artists and the vibrancy, well-being and economy of our community as a whole.

2016 Award Recipient

Heather Cook

Finalists

Leah Denbok

Heather Goldsworthy

Leonora Husveti-Frenette

Sabrina Parrish



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