

Artfest Kingston Testimonials

Many thanks for providing such a great show in Kingston!
Indeed, we will be attending next year.
Our company had superb sales with our artisan shortbread.
We also picked up 3 new retailers for our products at your show!
We look forward to returning to Kingston next year.
Great job and many thanks to you and your team!
Sprucewood Shortbread Cookies

Thanks again to the team for a job well done. You have lots of respect in the show world and I know this show will be a success.
Robin Loewen
Belli Buckles

Nice and shady! Traffic was great.
If you love kids, water, splashing, ants, caterpillars and spiders swinging in from the big tree then this spot is the best!
Since I love all those things, I would like to have the same space next year.
You ran a great show. It will do nothing but grow!
Derk Hawberry Farms

Hi Lory,
Thanks for your email and also for a great show. We really enjoyed being part of it. Your team was also great and to be honest I feel that I have never been so well taken care of through a show. It was all well planned right from the start back in February through to the end of the show – well done to you and all your team! Living in Kingston, I was able to see all of the advertising that was done and I feel that you hit all the places that needed to be gotten to. I will definitely be applying again next year. The location had good traffic.
Thanks again for everything.
Robert Jones
Kingston Soap Company

I was very happy with the whole show Lory....and look forward to doing it again next year. My location was B2 and although I didn't get quite as much shade as I hoped I will happily take it again next year!
All my best and you can take a bow for a job well done in our opinion!!!
Reenie and Wendell
Reenie Marx Fine Art Photography

Hi Lory! Just a quick note to say THANKS SO MUCH for having me at the show this past weekend. I had a fantastic time, loved the venue, and made some great sales. I'm definitely interested in coming back again next year. A few comments that I have to offer:

Renee
Hobo's Designs

Thanks for this info, Lory, and thanks for organizing this event. I had several comments on Monday from people returning from the cottage or camping who attended other art events. They said this one was superior to the others.

Bye for now,
Lois Ward, Masters of Fine Art
President & Artistic Director
Goodlines Studio

Hi Lory,
Many thanks for all your hard work. It was a very successful show for us.
We will be back next year and would love to have the same site.
Traffic was steady. The openness of the show and the wide walkways meant easier walking for the customers and better visibility of the artists.
We loved, LOVED, LOVED having Oka playing their beautiful music. Hopefully you can get them back next year.
Again, thank you for all your hard work and that of your staff. It was a great show.
Ken Waller
Ken Waller Woodcrafts
Fine Woodturnings and Gifts from Wood

Hi lory
Hope you're getting some rest after the weekend.
I just wanted to thank you for all your hard work, and the other organizers as well.
We were just so impressed with and grateful for everyone's efforts - it really was nice to be kept in the loop about the Atm, the cute little Canadian flag, subway lunch run, etc etc - very much appreciated, so thank you!! Great job all round.
Best,
Katherine

Dear Lory,
We had a succesful show. Same sales as usual! So thanks to you for organizing such a great show and having the courage and vision to change the location. It is a lot nicer in the park.
We loved our spot, it had good traffic and was nicely shaded.
See you at Summerfolk!
Gaia and Dolphin
The Funky Clothesline

Hi Lory, I'm already looking forward to next year. My booth was on B46. It was great. We were under a shady tree and the ground was fairly flat. The location was close to the ATM and we had a lot of traffic. I had a lot of positive feedback and people were remarking on how much better the location was compared to Confederation Park. It was nice being next to another artist (

Leonard Skinner) so people could compare both mediums. Thank you for the nice complement.
See you next year.
Bonita Bell
Stained Glass Magic

Hi Lory
Congratulations to you and your awesome team!
All comments were very positive from visitors and the locals alike ... Love the Park and the quality of the work!
Everyone I spoke to that had been to the Fanfare Show remarked on how nice it was to have space to walk without being bumped into.
The thank you card was a nice touch.
I in turn would like to thank you and your team for helping me this past weekend with my bad back your team came to my rescue helping me with my canopy and when my credit card machine died they sat my booth while I got my charger then Steph took it off to be charged and returned it so I could complete the day.
I really appreciated the opportunity to order lunch on Canada Day that is something I would like to see repeated.
My sales were OK not as great as I had hoped but good enough that I look forward to returning next year!
I am very confident that this new location will bring more exhibitors and visitors over time. I know that I will be promoting the show to other Artists!
Barbara Taylor

Hi Lory
Thank YOU for accommodating me at the very last minutes.....It was a very good looking show....nice park, spacious, well spread out.....my location was O29....it was good.....might not have been the busiest stretch but it was spacious.....
I did about the same at this show as in Kempenfest....The first two days were not so good but the last day Monday made up for it.....So overall it was worth it.....Kingston was beautiful downtown area and so I was pleased with it....
YES, I think that handing out flyers at the Confederation Park (busy tourist area) to redirect traffic/people to the new location was a GREAT idea!!! It's a new location so people might not have been aware of City Park with JA MacDonald Statue.
Again, thank you for organizing the show, I made some much needed cash...
See you soon til next time!
Regards, Robert Wu
Studio Robert Wu
Bookbinding, Marbling & Letterpress

Hi Lory,
My booth location was perfect for my glasswork (y8) ...it had direct sunlight all day. So if you can give me the same location next year, that would be great. I was quite pleased with the flow

of traffic. The only change that I could see would be to make the hours from 10 am to 5pm.
Thanks,
Janice Moorhead

Thanks for a great show!

We were in booth B#43 and under a large Maple tree. Between 7am and 11am it was very sunny until it went behind the tree.....then it was great all day. Traffic was steady & sales were great.

We did notice when the young musicians set up across from our booth, people would walk past quickly. The kids moved a little way down, and traffic picked up again. We loved the music not only from the kids, but the Australian group and the pan flute was a nice addition to the weekend. It might be nice to add more styles of music to different sections so people could chose a location to take a break according to the style of music.

We don't have anything negative to say about the weekend. It was a little inconvenient to not be able to pull our vehicle directly up to the booth, however, we do understand safety issues and are quite willing to do the same another year.

Look forward to next year and again, thanks for all your hard work in making Artfest a success for so many artisans.

Best Regards,
Robert & Lisa Aucoin
Iron Art

Thanks Lory!

I had a good show, :) beautiful park, great weather and nice music. I enjoy being there. My booth B29 had a great location, part sun and shade. Traffic was good and I definitely be back next year.

You and your team did great job and *see big potential for this show grow.*

Best wishes,
Olga G

Lory,

Thank you so much! We had a great show! We love Kingston and Kingston loves us! I loved my booth location, I had a tree for my products for they are heat sensitive and Oka all weekend! Awesome location! We will for be back next year and every other year!
Thank you again for a wonderful show. See you at Distillery next May.

Hi Lory,

I thought the location was great and many of the visitors shared that they were happy with it as well - picturesque, great for the kids, the availability of shade and free parking. The only negative comments I heard were in regards to people having made the trip to Confederation Basin before finding our site and that it would have been good if there was signage on the King Street side.

I was at spot O11 which was WONDERFUL. The land was quite level and there was a nice mix of sun and shade. We also saw a good amount of people coming in both directions. I am optimistic that word of mouth from those who attended this years show will help make next years even better :)

Thanks for all your efforts. You did a great job! I look forward to participating in your events in the future.

Best Wishes,
Julia Miller

Booth B31- we where pretty happy with the location, and traffic was steady. It was a good show.

Nadia Lloyd
Abstract Artist/ Designer

Dear Lory and Artfest Team,

Thank you. You did a terrific job. The show was beautiful. I too had comments and compliments from everyone about how much better they liked the show and the park {tree shaded, less crowded and more accessible parking}. Although my sales were less than expected I think that will change as people learn of and get use to the new venue. I think this show has the potential to be one of the best summer shows in Ontario. I am so happy you took the risk and took up the challenge when Fanfayr folded. Thank you again!! See you next year.

Sincerely yours,
Karla Dean
Karizma

Hi Lory

I hope you are having a great week ;-)

My mom exhibited at Artfest (on my behalf) and she said it was wonderful. Thank you for organizing such a fantastic show and all of your efforts as well as for placing our booth in a great location! Booth #025 is a great spot and I hope I would be able to keep it going forward. She said the booth spacing was roomy and pleasant, the only comment she had was that perhaps it would be nice to have more food vendors and music/entertainment on the other days as well. Otherwise it was perfect! Thanks again.

Take care!

Edina

WHITELOTUS DESIGN

Hi Lory,

If anyone deserves the biggest THANK YOU for an AMAZING EVENT it is YOU !!! The organization and production of the show was truly outstanding !!!

Your kindness in offering us the ability to participate was also deeply appreciated by both my alumni and myself. All together, 14 individuals were represented in our booth - and many are considering submitting formal applications for Artfest shows in the future !

The location of our booth was fantastic and as you have already mentioned, SO MANY PEOPLE WERE SO THRILLED with the entire event.

In terms of advertising, I think the "word of mouth" from this year will be epidemic for next year ! You and your team are amazing people !!!

Take Care,
Best Wishes,

Karen Peppercorn
Creative Arts Alumni Group

Hi Lory,

Thanks for trying to make it out to see everyone. I did get a great response from both visitors and other artists. Taylor Studios Gallery was also interested in my work so we'll see how that works out. See you next year,

Stephen Harrison
Luminous Fine Art Photographs

Hi Lory

It was a beautiful weekend, the location is stunning and there was a decent turnout.

You did so many things right to make this show a success.

We loved our location, it was under a tree, shady at some times of the day, but the sun did amazing things to the look of the glass windows throughout the day.

Load in and out was excellent

We had an okay show, not as good as past years, but we did well in the new park.

See you next year

Lloyd

Out of Ruins