

Watercolour in the Woods

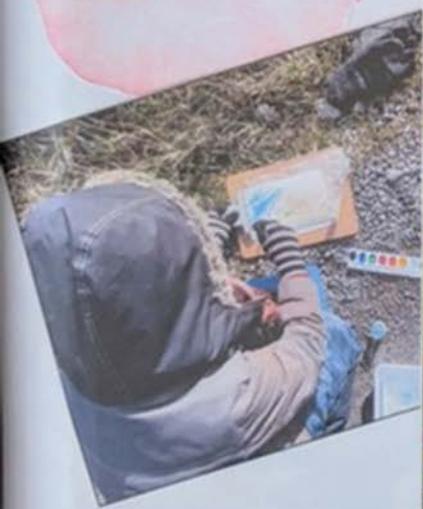


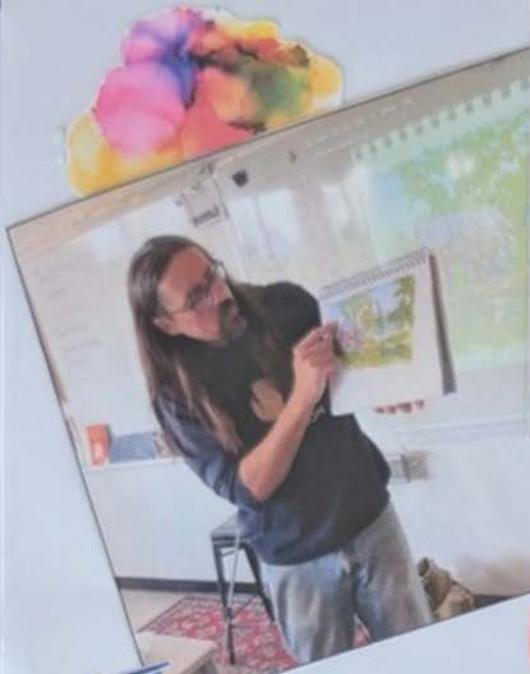
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Watercolour in the Woods was a comprehensive, four-part interdisciplinary art program delivered in collaboration with the **South Shore Joint Initiative (SSJI)**. By blending artistic practice with environmental science, the program challenged Sophiasburgh Central School Grade 6 and 7 students to explore Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area through a "creative lens," ultimately fostering a deeper understanding of conservation, biodiversity, and local history. The initiative was designed to take students from foundational skill-building to public advocacy through four distinct phases.





Part 1: Technical Foundation
An in-class intensive focused on the fundamentals of watercolour with local artist Tim Snyder. Students practiced with the tools and techniques specific to landscape painting to prepare for outdoor application.





Part 2: Plein Air Exploration
Students travelled to the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area to paint en plein air. This immersion allowed them to document local flora and fauna while studying the geological forces, human impacts, and fragile ecosystems of the South Shore.



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Part 3: Reflection & Curation

Students synthesized their outdoor experiences. They paired their paintings with written reflections to articulate the beauty and ecological importance of the region.



Part 4: Public Exhibition

The program culminated in professional gallery showings, turning student artwork into a tool for community outreach and environmental advocacy.

SSJI's Square Foot Art Show and Sale - Jan. 23- Feb. 18
The Cabin Gallery – May 2026

Core Objective: To use art as a medium for communicating the vital importance of protecting Prince Edward County's South Shore biodiversity to a wider audience.



Academic Impact

The program bridged multiple curricular areas, providing a holistic learning experience:

- **The Arts:** Application of the creative process and gallery preparation.
- **Science & Geography:** Study of biodiversity, fragile ecosystems, and land formation.
- **Language Arts & Social Studies:** Reflective writing and exploring the history of human impact on the environment.

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Tim Snyder



Over his last 19 years in the Quinte region Tim Snyder has taught youth of all ages through after school art clubs across PEC, County Arts and Baxter Centre workshops, & within the Loyalist College Art & Design Fundamentals Program as a professor.

Tim's 30+ years as a freelance visual artist has included such roles as: illustrator, editorial cartoonist, stop motion animation director, graphic designer, sculptor, public installation artist, and gallery owner. His portfolio includes work for Disney, The American Museum of Natural History, PBS, CBS, and various newspapers and publications across North America, as well as a multitude of local businesses and organizations.

Tim spends his winters scheming and plotting with The Department of Illumination, and his summers painting, knitting, and renting kayaks at his home in Prince Edward County.



Quinte Art Council's Arts and Education Bursary

The Quinte Arts Council's Arts Education Bursary was established by the council's Arts and Education Committee in 2002 to be used to help subsidize arts programming in local schools. Each year, the council gives bursaries for Visual Arts programs. **Bursaries up to \$500 are for artist fees only.**

In order to be eligible, the project must:

- involve a professional artist or group
- involve visual arts activities i.e. painting, sculpture, pottery, photography, mixed media, digital media, film and video
- support the Ontario curriculum
- have defined start and completion dates, set objectives, a project budget and follow-up plan for evaluations and a report
- involve a school or classroom of students within the Hastings and Prince Edward region, grades K to 12
- take place November to January



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South Shore Joint Initiative

Vision: Our vision is a permanently protected Prince Edward County South Shore where together biodiversity and people thrive.

Mission: Together, our mission is to educate and advocate for the protection, preservation and restoration of South Shore lands and waters.

As a volunteer run Canadian non-profit charitable organization, SSJI is led by a vision of a permanently protected Prince Edward County South Shore where together biodiversity and people thrive. We support the respectful use of South Shore protected lands including ATV riding, birdwatching, biking, fishing, hunting, photography, snowmobiling, walking and more. The organization engages thousands through educational webinars, strolls, and public events, promoting awareness about the South Shore's biodiversity and cultural history.

SSJI's **Wild Thing** Program offers all-ages outdoor educational events including curriculum-based school programs.



South Shore Joint Initiative - www.ssji.ca, follow us on Facebook and Instagram
Wild Thing Education Program - wild.thing@ssji.ca

Acrostic Poem

L-Lovely Colours
O-Owns the stage
N-Now they are swimming in the water
G-Give them a chance, or don't bother

T-Their amazing species is inspiring
A-Always Swimming, I wonder when they get tired
I-It is a long word to say, but people love seeing them every day
L-Let them swim, don't litter
E-Everyone, please
D-Don't be bitter

D-Don't keep as a pet,
U-Undeniable fact
C-Canada they live in
K-Kites are reminder of how they fly.

Gwen W



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Wild

Ominous

Loyal

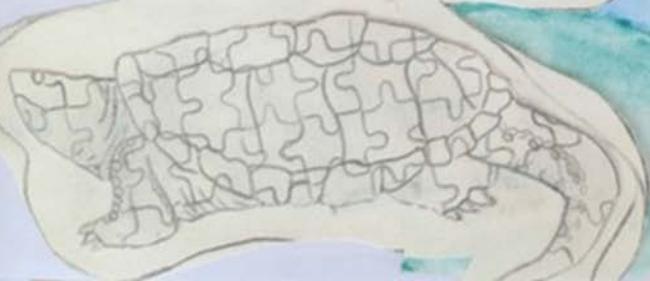
Fearless

Snapping Turtle



Big, Old
Slowly, Cranky
Swimming, Crawling, Eating
Never stays, never goes.

TURTLE

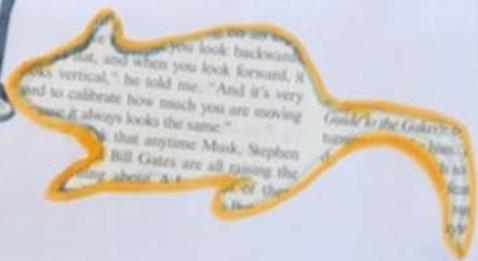


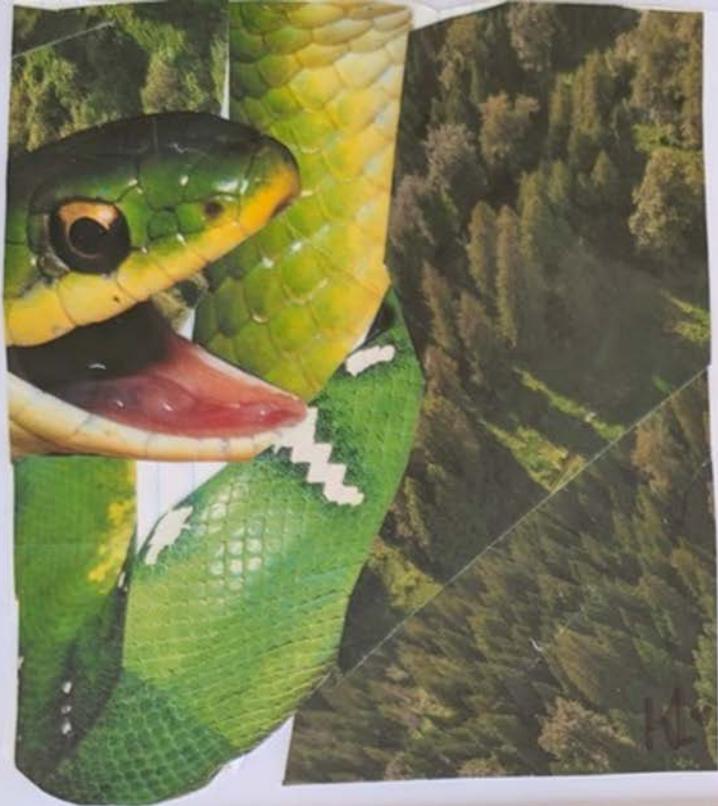


Found in North America
 scientific name: Myotis Lasiurus
 micro-eared microbat
 endangered species as of 2016
LITTLE BROWN BAT



Haiku
 Little brown bat fly,
 Wind don't stop him now fly bat.
 Past the sad brown bat.





Le Snake

Slither

Nosy

Adorable

Knowledge

Extraordinary

Acrostic Poem

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Acrostic poem

Mute swan
Unique
Territorial
Extraordinary

Sagacious
Wise
Adaptable
Nest-builders

Lyla



Lyla



Ring-billed Gull

The Ring-billed Gull, a bird of many things. It likes the beach, and trash of all kinds. They like Macdonalds, wendys, and the local trash can. But with all that trash comes a very great and cool bird, they have such good stomachs, so they help by eating bad things.

Frankie





Kyrah
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The Acrostic Poem

P lant diet
A wesome animal
I ntelligent
N esting animal
T alented
E asy going
D etermined

T iny
U nique
R emarkable
T errific
L ovely
E nergetic

Liam

The mute Swan



The mute Swan Liam

Acrostic

Mute
Under water
Tundra
Elegant swans

Species of swans
White plumage
And have long slender necks
Now they look friendly but they aren't



Brown Snow

It sits with the cold air in the flow
of the water it gets tiny and cuts

big and strong king of all

It tastes the air to know
where it is no one knows how or why

it is here but i think it has a
duty to fill. To not be eaten.

A duty that will be rined. Albert





Room taker

A Garbage eater

C hicken stealer

O pportunistic

O bese

N oeturnal





All of the Turkey's!

one Turkey two Turkeys

three turkeys four five Turkeys

Six Turkeys Seven turkeys more!

Black Turkeys blue turkeys red

Turkeys four!



Red Spotted Admiral

Acrostic Poem

R
E
D
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P
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D
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D
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Remarkable
Elegant
Determined
Skilled
Pretty
Original
Talented
Tiny
Evolving
Delicate
Adventurous
Dappled
Morphic
Intricate
Rare
Angelic
Lovely

LT



L6

The snake is not very long and slithers through the grass and eats mice and rats.

The black yellow skin of the snake looks like a bumblebee.

it has no problem climbing a tree.

Manoh Man does he glide.

Across the water at low tide.

The Little Garter Snake





BLUE JAY
Baby blue
LOUD
UPLIFT
EXPERT flying
JOYFUL
AZURE
YOUNG

The title The poem for the Green frog - Hikiu

I am a frog

I love prince Edward county

I am Bob the frog

C.N





CA

Shag Bark Hickory

Shag Bark hickory your so thickery
 your height so tall of you recall
 Through the time your memories chime
 your leaves like hands stratched over the
 your sweet nut drop from the quiet hand
 your Bark hangs loose in strips of gray
 worn by wind and your weathered way



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My Little rose

A rose is like a tiny sun, shining petals, and
It smells like summer in the air,

and dances gently without care.

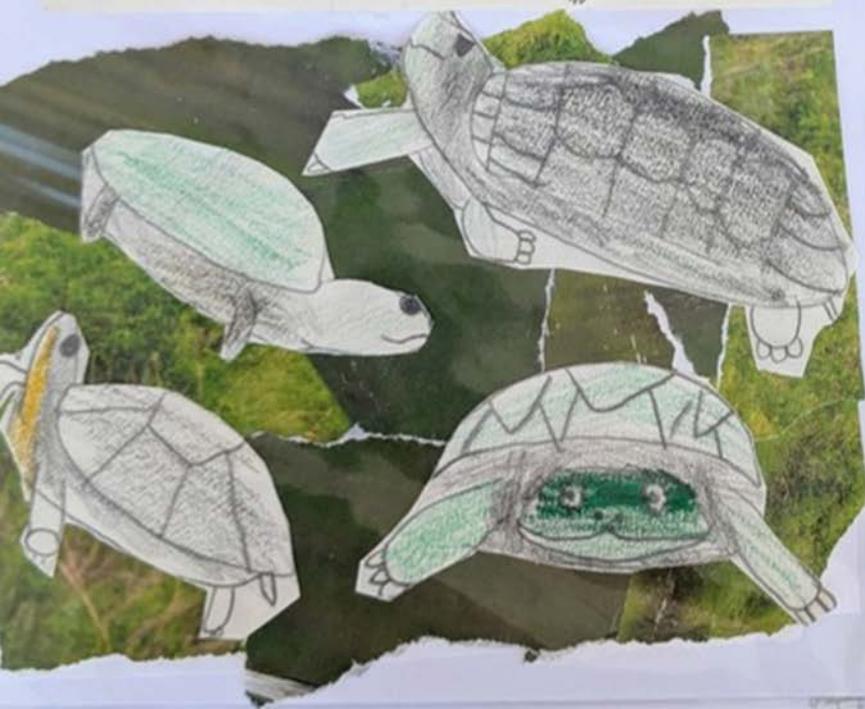
I wish it stayed forever bright,
but petals fall in the soft moonlight.

Still in my heart, it always grows,
My pretty, perfect, little rose.

I am a Turtle
I am Bobby the Turtle
I like vegetables

LONG POINT
P.E.C
↓

Turtle



The Broad-winged Thistle Free verse

This plant might try to hurt you
But it will make up for it...

By feeding the bees.

That then feeds you with honey

That is spread nicely on some toast

So that's why you should respect

Broad-winged thistle

Dylan

Broad-winged thistle

Dylan



Dylan



Dylan

Feed's Bees

Dylan