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# Art Lending of Ottawa: give the gift of art

by Leslie Firth

Have you ever wandered from store to store looking for that special gift for a special someone? What about giving a truly unique gift – the gift of original art.

On December 10th, Art Lending of Ottawa will be showing the work of over thirty local artists at the RA Centre. Our artist members have been carefully selected by a jury of peers. You can be confident of the quality of the art that you will see at each of our shows.

As well as a chance to buy local art, Art Lending offers the unique opportunity to rent art for three month periods for a fraction of the purchase price. After the three month period is up, you can either return the art work, renew the rental or buy the art work (with any rental fees already paid going toward the purchase price). This feature is especially useful for those who want to try out a piece of art in their space or for those who like to refresh their walls with new art from time to time. Here are just two of the artists whose works will be on display at our December show:

**Christiane Kingsley** is a resident of Riverview Park and has been an artist member of Art Lending for over five years. She is an award-winning painter in watercolour, acrylic, oil and mixed media. One of her watercolour series is of stone carvings, particularly carved heads over archways in Venice and on the Gothic façade of the Canadian Parliament. She loves to paint leaves with light or water shining through and a lot of her work includes the shimmer of gold leaf or pewter. She is well known for her Arctic and African series in pewter. Her most recent focus

is large oil paintings of flowers. Christiane is an explorer at heart and loves to try new surfaces, new styles and techniques. From Renaissance-inspired art to modern abstracts and mixed media, Christiane's artwork embraces it all.

**Shelly Amor** is one of a group of thirteen artists new to Art Lending this year. Born and raised in Ottawa, she has had many creative careers that have influenced her art: landscape architect, high school art teacher and wearable design artist. This artistic journey has led her to her present career, that of a full-time artist. Shelly describes her style as fauvist, depicting the world in vivid bright colours. As she notes "My acrylic paintings depict various locations I have visited in the last few years, as seen through my kaleidoscope eyes. My bright palette reflects the joy of the day and my leanings as a fauvist artist. These jewelled colours raised my spirits these past two years, and I hope they raise the spirits of those who view my work."

Christiane, Shelly and all of the Art Lending of Ottawa artists look forward to seeing you at our show on December 10th. Admission and parking is free. Submit your name at the door for a chance at a door prize.

Leslie Firth is an artist member and board member of Art Lending.

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'Drinking sunshine', oil painting by Christiane Kingsley



'Golden hour in Tuscany', acrylic painting by Shelly Amor