

# DOWNTOWN KINGSTON! IT'S THE **REAL DEAL**

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## ART AFTER DARK Successful Gallery Tour Back For The Spring!

Last fall marked the first Art After Dark, an event designed to showcase 11 amazing downtown art galleries as well as local and international artists' works. Each gallery offered light refreshments, great conversation and of course, compelling art. Kingstonians flocked to the event.

"The turnout was incredible," says Ray Vos, owner of Gallery Raymond on Princess Street. "Many new visitors came into the gallery not knowing what to expect – I think we impressed them."

The decision to have a Spring Art After Dark was obvious. The event has been scheduled to run from 6pm – 9pm on Thursday May 28 and now includes 14 downtown galleries.

Featured artists come from all over North America – some as close as our own backyard (Chameleon Nation, Sydenham Street Studios and Sandra Whitton Gallery to name a few) and some from as far away as Toronto (Robert Macklin Gallery), Cuba (Modern Fuel) or Canadians who have travelled the world for their art (Studio 22).

This initiative in the fall marked one of the first times the galleries had joined together to coordinate and co-promote. Since the first Art After Dark, downtown galleries continue to work together to strengthen the art community as a whole. Ashleigh Fortune of Chameleon Nation says, "We recognize that downtown is the hub of arts, culture and entertainment in Kingston. We have such a great collection of galleries downtown that it seems natural to get together and highlight that."

### Participating Galleries

Black Dog Pottery	58 Queen St.
Chamelean Nation – Creative Emporium	112 Princess St.
Cornerstone	255 Ontario St.
Delvalle's Art Corner	77 Princess St.
Dwell	207 Wellington St.
Earth To Spirit	340 King St. East
Frameworks Gallery	198 Princess St.
Gallery Raymond	334 Princess St.
Kingston Glass Studio & Gallery	56 Queen St.
Modern Fuel	21A Queen St.
Robert Macklin Gallery	20 Market St.
Sandra Whitton Gallery	253 Ontario St.
Studio 22 Open Gallery	320 King St. East
Sydenham Street Studios	178 Sydenham St.

More information, including a map of the galleries and artist profiles, can be found at:  
[www.downtownkingston.ca](http://www.downtownkingston.ca)

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