

CALL FOR ARTISTS

2026 Artist in Residence Program

Apply by May 31, 2026



Mackie
Lake House

VERNON PUBLIC ART GALLERY

VPAAG



The 2026 AiR Program is a collaborative partnership between Mackie Lake House Foundation and Vernon Public Art Gallery, designed to support the development of an artistic project or series. The resident artist will reflect on how heritage and culture can “collide” with the arts immersed in the setting, community, and daily happenings of a beloved heritage property.

Following the four-week project residency (from September 14 to October 8) at Mackie Lake House, the selected artist will present a solo exhibition at the Vernon Public Art Gallery from October to December, 2026. The exhibition can include both finished and in-process works produced during the residency.

We welcome submissions from emerging, mid-career, and established artists across all visual art disciplines, ranging from experimental and interdisciplinary practices to contemporary practices in painting, illustration, sculpture, photography, video, and more. Artists who identify as BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ are encouraged to apply.

About The Residency

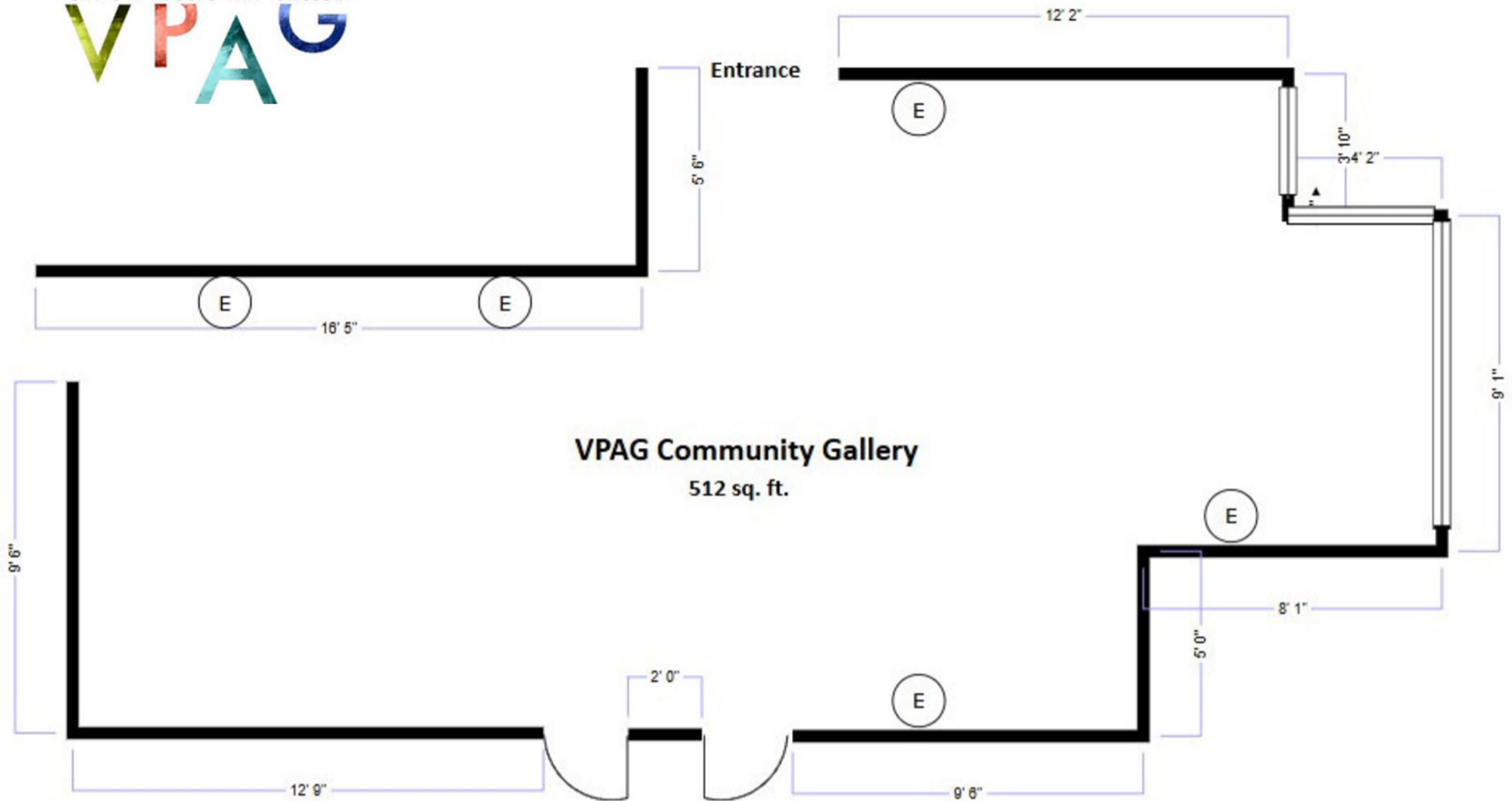
- The four-week residency will run from September 14 to October 8, 2026 and will include accommodation at the Mackie Lake House.
- The artist will have access to the heritage home and to the five acres of surrounding grounds. Be aware that Mackie Lake House is an active heritage site with public and private events throughout the residency. Most events take place on weekends.
- The resident artist will be provided with a designated working space, an orientation to Mackie Lake House's history and the three families that lived here, access to Mackie Lake House archives and research files, and equipment as available. Artistic materials are the responsibility of the artist. Please be aware that work will be created on a heritage property. Some materials may not be permitted.
- The artist can expect to liaise with Mackie Lake House's Curator/Collections Manager, staff, community members, and organizational peers.
- The artist will be expected to participate in public programming promoting the residency, such as an artist talk, workshop, or demonstration, to be determined with Mackie Lake House staff.



Community Gallery Exhibition at the Vernon Public Art Gallery

The artist will receive a solo exhibition at the Vernon Public Art Gallery from October to December, 2026, with an opening reception on October 8. They will receive an artist fee of \$2,350 in alignment with CARFAC rates. The exhibition will include marketing, curatorial, and administrative support from the VPAG. It is the responsibility of the artist to collect their work following the exhibition.





VPAG Community Gallery

Overview

This is the Community Gallery space at the Vernon Public Art Gallery, totaling approximately 512 square feet. The gallery features northwest-facing windows, track lighting, and a ceiling height of 9.5 feet. Walls are finished with white-painted drywall, providing a clean and neutral exhibition environment.

Lighting & Surfaces

Adjustable track lighting and natural light from NW windows (consider for light-sensitive works).

Electrical

Five outlets distributed along walls for media or supplemental lighting.

Exhibition & Programming Considerations

This is a multi-use space where the central floor must remain open for school tours, Family Saturdays, Mini Artists, and other programming. Tables and chairs are frequently installed.

Display Options

Small plinths are available but must be placed along walls or windows. Wall-based or perimeter-focused installations are strongly recommended.

To learn more about the residency and to submit an application, visit mackiehouse.ca/artist-in-residence

Mackie **Lake House**

Originally part of the Coldstream Ranch, this five-acre property was subdivided and sold to the Buchanan family, who commissioned the construction of the Lake House in 1910.

Over the course of 89 years, three families lived in the home. Today, we carefully preserve their artifacts and share their compelling stories.

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