

# The **Art Zone Studio** **NEWSLETTER**

**July 2019**

Come see the best art selection ever at the **Art Zone Studio**

**Summer Opening Art Show and Sale** on “Canada Day”

**Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 12 – 4 p.m.**

Original paintings, drawings, sculpture, garden art, limited edition prints, Inuit and African sculpture, affordable framing of works by studio artists, and more. Great art and savings exclusively at the **Art Zone Studio**.

**There'll be a chance to enter a draw for a gorgeous limited-edition print with an original pencil Remarque by Canadian nature artist Paul Harpley.**

YOU could be the winner!

Lots of inventory! Something for everyone.

**If you are in Cottage Country, SEE YOU THERE!**

**The Art Zone Studio is a unique outdoor experience, weather dependent.**

Please forward or post this invite – thanks

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Featured artwork at The **Art Zone Studio**



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Canadian Nature Artist

**Paul Harpley**

Limited Edition and  
Original Art

**Art Zone Studio**

6045 Frog Street, Pefferlaw, ON L0E 1N0

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*By Appointment OR By Chance*

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**Original acrylic paintings, watercolours, drawings, sculpture,  
garden art, jewelry. Canadian artists.**

Also, African and Canadian Inuit Art. Other artists:  
Graham Ames, Natcho Franzoi, Janet Harpley-Aco and  
Thomas Amoah.



## **Art Zone Studio – Dates in July as follows**

**Anytime between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. (weather dependent ) on the following dates:**

**Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>,  
Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

***Or, by chance...***

**e-mail [paul@harpley.ca](mailto:paul@harpley.ca), or phone 905-722-8021 ahead if weather is questionable.**

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**PAUL HARPLEY is exhibiting at the**

**Stoney Lake Arts and Crafts Show**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019**

**10am -4pm Crowes Landing,**

**Stoney Lake, County Rd 6 & 40**



Art Display – Paul Harpley

Show this e-newsletter for 10% off limited editions, decorator prints and custom framing.

**Also at the Stoney Lake Show** - This 1 day show has 75 exhibitors..... Water Colors, Knits, Jewellery, Baking, Weaving, Wood, Oil Painting, Baking, Furniture, Pottery, and MORE  
**Live Jazz Music Food & BBQ Free Ad** **Free Parking**  
**FREE FUN**

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## Upcoming Art Show Events – Paul Harpley

**Killarney Park Art Show – July 27, 28**

<https://www.friendsofkillarneypark.com/artshow.html#/>

**Lindsay Arts & Crafts Show – August 7**

<https://www.lindsayex.com/craft-show/>

**Killarney Park Artist in Residence – August 19-23**

<https://www.friendsofkillarneypark.com/artist-in-residence.html#/>

# Georgina Studio Tour – September 28 and 29

<http://www.georginastudiotour.com/>

More information will follow later in July. If you don't wish to receive future e-mails about the Art Zone Studio please let us know.



Phone: 905-722-8021

Located west off Park Road on Frog Street,  
one concession south of the hamlet of Egypt.

6045 Frog St.



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Featuring a unique *Artist Studio* experience that focuses on Art inspired by Nature. The *Rustic Studio and Gallery space in the woods* located in Northern York Region south of Sutton in beautiful South Lake Simcoe. Experienced professional artists are represented. From time to time special art shows, art and naturalists' workshops will be featured, including guest artists. Full limited editions and original art collections of Canadian Nature Artist Paul Harpley featured. *Website:* [harpley.ca](http://harpley.ca)

**Affordable quality Picture Framing available.**

*Paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, originals, prints and limited-edition reproductions.*

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# Conservation News

## **Snowy Owls: This past winter Birder Highlight in South Lake Simcoe**

We continue to have these beautiful White avian vagabonds from the Arctic tundra right here in our area, spending winter in southern Canada and the Lower 48 American states. See below a Snowy Owl photographed by SLSN birder Irving Himel earlier this winter, in Georgina.

It's commonly reported by many naturalists, photographers, local rural people, journalists and others that Snowy Owls are driven by starvation to fly south. But, researchers actually studying these birds and their ecology in the winter in recent years like University of Saskatchewan scientist Karen Wiebe, have demonstrated it's generally not true. Recent published research that showed Snowy Owls wintering in southern Canada appeared to be doing just fine, contrary to the popular starvation myth. Indeed, many birds of arctic and boreal ecosystems irrupt into the south annually and have a periodicity to occasional high years in cyclic invasions (often ten-year cycles). This cyclic irruption pattern being the ecosystem norm, has been known and researched, by the scientific community for decades. Indeed, nature is very complex and cannot be explained adequately by simple idiosyncratic human statements of convenience.

On the day of the official Sutton Christmas Bird Count we had more Snowy Owls than on any previous year count. In our area the Keswick swamp at the top north end of the Holland marsh is a good place to see them this winter. But, also, especially as the winter grinds on with low temperatures and lots of snow, they disperse more broadly across the landscape. They pop up in odd places like siting on haystacks in farm fields, in orchard trees overlooking open flat snowy fields, atop hydro poles on remote concession roads and at the top of light poles in commercial plaza and grocery store parking lots! Drive around your local area and in South Lake Simcoe and look hard for them, difficult to see against the snow. Try the Baldwin area, the hamlet of Egypt and near fields at the village of Belhaven where they have typically been seen in the past into February.

Paul Harpley



Snowy Owl 2018-12, Irving Himel photo

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Ecojustice [info@ecojustice.ca](mailto:info@ecojustice.ca)

**Today we're celebrating another major court victory for the climate and for Canadians.**

**In a judgement handed down this morning, the Ontario Court of Appeal rejected Premier Doug Ford's attempts to derail nationally-coordinated efforts to combat climate change and confirmed the federal government has the power to defend Canadians from climate breakdown.**

Today's victory comes on the heels of an earlier decision from the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, which — in a judicial first — found that “climate change is doubtless an emergency in the sense that it presents a genuine threat to Canada.” Thanks to your support, Ecojustice lawyers intervened in both sets of proceedings.

Ecojustice plans to take these actions with money donations:

- Pressure the federal government to back today's victory with urgent action grounded in strong, enforceable climate laws;
- Stand strong against the likes of Premier Jason Kenney in Alberta, who has set up a \$30 million 'war room' in an effort to silence environmental critics;
- Go to court to defend your right to a safe climate and healthy environment.

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# UN says Canada's plan to rescue Wood Buffalo National Park not enough

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### Edmonton: Massive northern park at risk of landing on 'World Heritage in Danger' list

C.B.C. News – Council of Canadians

[Bob Weber](#) · The Canadian Press · Posted: Jun 13, 2019 2:32 PM MT | Last Updated: June 13



Wood Buffalo, which straddles the Alberta-Northwest Territories boundary, is one of the world's largest freshwater deltas. (Parks Canada)

The status of Canada's largest park as a world heritage site remains wobbly after a United Nations body expressed grave doubts about a federal plan to rescue it.

"Considerably more effort will be needed to reverse the negative trends at a time when climate change combined with upstream industrial developments and resource extraction are intensifying," says a draft decision on Wood Buffalo National Park from UNESCO, which manages the UN's list of World Heritage Sites.

Further deterioration, it says, "could eventually lead to the inscription of the property on the list of World Heritage in Danger."

Wood Buffalo, which straddles the Alberta-Northwest Territories boundary, is one of the world's largest freshwater deltas and breeding grounds for millions of migratory birds from four continental flyways.

With almost 45,000 square kilometres of grasslands, wetlands and waterways, it is the world's only breeding ground for endangered whooping cranes and home to the world's largest herd of free-ranging wood buffalo. First Nations depend on the area.

But it has been deteriorating for decades. In 2014, the Mikisew Cree asked UNESCO to examine the park and see if it still merited designation as a World Heritage Site.

- ['We're not convinced': Groups criticize draft plan to restore Wood Buffalo National Park](#)
- [Almost every part of Canada's largest national park deteriorating: federal study](#)
- [Canada dragging its feet in protecting Wood Buffalo National Park, critics say](#)

The UNESCO report prompted Ottawa to commission a 561-page study that concluded 15 out of 17 measures of ecological health were declining. The effects — everything from low water flows to curtailed Indigenous use — stem largely from changes to area rivers caused by climate change, dams in British Columbia and industry in Alberta.

Canada proposed solutions such as artificially induced spring floods and other water flows. Ottawa also promised more careful environmental reviews of nearby development and better consultation with local Indigenous people.

Since that report, Alberta has also created a series of wildland areas around most of the park as a buffer zone.

The UN draft decision praises those measures, including the controversial Bill C-69 on environmental assessment.

But Canada failed to answer concerns about B.C. Hydro's Site C dam, UNESCO says. It also points out that ongoing oilsands development upstream from the park is of "serious concern."

The report notes Teck Frontier's oilsands mine would move development closer to the park. It also wants an assessment of the failure risks posed by oilsands tailings ponds.

Parks Canada has committed more than \$27.5 million over five years to support the federal plan. But UNESCO says that's not enough.

### **'It's a warning'**

"More funding will likely be needed given the size of the property and the complexity of the issues," it says.

Kecia Kerr of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society said the UNESCO decision is serious business.

"It's a serious tone and it's a warning," she said. "It's definitely not a real passing grade."

Arresting the park's decline will take strong measures, she said.

"The continuation of adding a small impact here, a small impact there, [has] already overwhelmed the park. It will require some tough decisions and actually saying no to some projects."

There are currently 33 countries with properties on the list of sites in danger. Although the United Kingdom and the United States each have one site on the list, almost all are from Africa, South America and the Middle East.

UNESCO will take its final vote on the draft decision on Canada's response at its next series of meetings starting at the end of the month.

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Paul Harpley - Canada geese