

The Lake of the Woods Museum/Art Centre  
is pleased to announce the establishment of

## **THE GAIL KONANTZ ART EDUCATION FUND**

Gail Konantz was a longtime summer resident on Lake of the Woods and she and her husband Gord were committed members of the Lake of the Woods Museum. We were saddened to hear of Gail's passing in June. She was a creative force – a Gailforce, as her family called her – who earned her Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Manitoba and who worked at the Winnipeg Art Gallery and as an art educator in both private and public school systems.

In the words of her family – “She was a prolific artist. She loved to wonder and to be astonished, and her creativity and curiosity were boundless. She always felt complete and whole when painting and described having butterflies when seeing other's art.”

This Fund, in memory of Gail, was created by her friends and family to support visual arts education for youth and adults in Kenora's new Art Centre. The endowment fund will provide material support for art projects, classes and activities to inspire and encourage the artist in each of us, something that was close to Gail's artist heart.

The fund is already well on its way thanks to an initial gift of \$25,000 from family friend Michael Nesbitt who has also offered to match donations up to an additional \$25,000. Gail's family has accepted the match with a gift of \$25,000. Currently the Fund sits at \$89,000.

**Your donation to  
The Gail Konantz Art Education Fund  
can be made in the following ways:**

By cheque payable to The Lake of the Woods Museum  
By credit card - VISA or Mastercard (by phone or in person)  
By debit (in person at the Museum)  
By securities (please contact Museum)

On-line at <https://www.lakeofthewoodsmuseum.ca/get-involved/giving/the-big-picture-campaign/>

\*If donating on-line please indicate your gift is for the Gail Konantz Art Education Fund

Please indicate that your gift is to be directed to this Fund, which will be invested as an endowment fund with the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

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