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Opening Monday, August 5 - August 23 at the Shelburne Town Hall is *As the Artists View It*, a show of the renown regional group, Southern Ontario Visual Artists (SOVA). With twelve of the group hanging work in this exhibition, there will be an excellent range of their media and genres on view for visitors to this lovely heritage building.



Many of the SOVA members have studios at the Alton Mill Arts Centre and several are members of the Headwaters Arts Collective at the Mill. With strong ties to their local communities, these award-winning artists include: Robert Chisholm, Angela Burden, and Daureen Murphy from the Orangeville area, Lynden Cowan, Helen Duplassie, Margaret Pardy, and Connie Munson of Brampton, Michelle Eissler of Alliston, Lynne Schumacher of Owen Sound, Joanne Lomas of Wassauga Beach, Steve Wilson, formerly of Inglewood, now residing in Niagara Falls, and Charlene Nickels in Prince Edward Island.

## About Southern Ontario Visual Artists

SOVA is an eclectic group of fourteen artists who have become friends over the years and a formal exhibition group. Lynden Cowan, a founding member, comments on the level of professionalism in the group. *"... (they) constantly expand the personal boundaries of their skills and are never satisfied with the mundane."* Individually, they exhibit extensively, winning awards and accolades, with some of them showing their work internationally.

With strong friendships and support proving their worth over the past several years, SOVA continues to showcase fresh works of its members. From creatively interpreted landscapes and wildlife paintings, to pieces based in realism or with symbolic influences, the unique styles and marks of these artists are evident whether in oils, acrylics, watercolours, scratchboard, prints, mixed-media, or photography.



Please direct any further questions or requests for interviews to Lynden Cowan or Robert Chisholm, both found on site at the SOVA Studio in the Alton Mill Arts Centre, Alton, Ontario.

Follow [SOVA](#) on their website for their blog and exhibitions, past and present, and on social media at .... [Sova Art Group](#) for their Facebook page and on Instagram at @sovaartgroup.