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## Steinbach Arts Council Media Release

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### **22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SOUTHEAST OPEN JUDGED ART EXHIBIT WELCOMES YOU**

Artists, art enthusiasts, and community supporters alike are all invited to take in the Steinbach Arts Council's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southeast Open Judged Art Exhibit (SOJE)! Join us at the Opening Ceremony on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Hall Gallery of the Steinbach Cultural Arts Centre, 304 Second Street in Steinbach.

The SOJE is one of the biggest highlights of our visual arts season as it celebrates displays of art by amateur artists from all over the southeast region. This year, over 120 entries of juvenile and adult original local artwork will be showcased – featuring photography, pencil drawings, watercolor and acrylic paintings, sculpture, pottery, and so much more!

"I enjoy it [SOJE] a lot. I've entered every year since 2008 and every year, I see other artists improving," said local artist, Frankie Hargreaves. "It's inspiring to see my peers striving to do better and challenging themselves."

Mayor Earl Funk, and other dignitaries will bring greetings at the Opening Ceremony on Friday, March 6th at 7:00pm. The exhibit opening is free, donations are appreciated. Join us for this short ceremony, and stay for refreshments and to view the artworks. This evening is intended to honour and celebrate our local artists and you can be among the first to view their talented artworks!

The Southeast Open Judged Art Exhibit will remain open to the public until April 15, 2020. For more details, please visit [SteinbachArtsCouncil.ca](http://SteinbachArtsCouncil.ca) or call the Steinbach Arts Council at 204.346.1077.

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