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Art Gallery of Burlington presents successful *Naked Craft* weekend

Canadian and Scottish artists contribute to the discourse of defining 'craft' and its future



AGB Chief Curator, Denis Longchamps, introduces the Naked Craft artists and curators to attendees at the Preview Reception on Saturday June 27, 2015.

The Art Gallery of Burlington hosted a two-week residency for ten artists from the Naked Craft Network. Five artists from across Canada met with five artists from Scotland to share their craft and discuss the direction of craft in Canada and Scotland.

The workshop concluded with the Naked Craft Symposium on Saturday June 27 with over 60 registrants in attendance. Artists, researchers and curators from the Naked Craft Network presented panel discussions based on the themes explored in the Naked Craft exhibition; *North & Identity, Tradition & Craft, New Positions, Tooling Up, and DIY (Do-It-Yourself)*. Keynote speaker Aaron Nelson from Medalta, ended the afternoon session with a discussion on *MAKING Matter* which explored the issue of making craft matter through the integration of craft, technology and social relevance. The evening ended with an exclusive Preview Reception sponsored by SB Partners for the Naked Craft exhibition.

Naked Craft can be seen at the Art Gallery of Burlington until September 6, 2015. The exhibition will then travel to Centre Matera in Québec City, September 26, 2015 – November 28, 2015 and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia in Halifax, January 14, 2016 – April 30, 2016.

About the AGB: The Art Gallery of Burlington is an award winning gallery located in the heart of Burlington, Ontario. We stage as many as 10 regional, national and international exhibitions a year, and are home to the world's largest acclaimed collection of Canadian contemporary ceramics and seven fine craft guilds. An interactive and creative space, we provide art education programs and public tours for people of all ages. Spanning over 44,000 square feet, our space boasts seven equipped art studios, three galleries, a one of a kind gift shop, an exhibition courtyard and year-round conservatory.

AGB Members will be offered free admission to the exhibition. More information on the benefits of AGB membership can be found here
<http://artgalleryofburlington.com/membership/>

The Art Gallery of Burlington is located at 1333 Lakeshore Rd, Burlington, ON L7S 1A9

Gallery Hours:

Monday: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday: 9:00 am – 10:00 pm

Friday – Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday: 12 noon – 5:00 pm

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