



Canada 150 Art Tree Project



Dear Ministers of Education and Provincial School Boards,

The Art Tree project hopes to engage all of Canada in community Art Shows during the Canada 150 celebrations. The Art Show would be composed of Art Trees created by any group who wishes to commemorate their members and heritage. Our Facebook page is the home of Canada's Virtual Art Tree Show and competition.

Please see the following PDF presentation for the full project description and examples of the work done by the Ottawa Valley groups who pioneered this project. Many examples were done by high school students, and their creative skills are impressive.

As stated in the presentation, schools and First Nations are a focus:

"When we engage our youth, we engage our communities. Many young people who embrace Canada 150 will celebrate Canada 200 in fifty years time, and be able to share with and inspire their children with their participation in this Canada wide event. As living links to the future, young people are ideal cultural ambassadors."

This project would appeal to art and history teachers – for example, Ontario's grade nine art curriculum includes the study of aboriginal art. It can also provide an opportunity to engage students directly with their local community.

As the Art Tree Project is a not-for-profit venture, local sponsors could be notified of the opportunity to provide Art Tree prints to local schools. I encourage you to promote participation for the school children of Canada in this Art and Heritage event.

As we celebrate Canada 150, here's to a forest of Art Trees made by proud Canadians from sea to sea!

Thank you for your consideration,

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