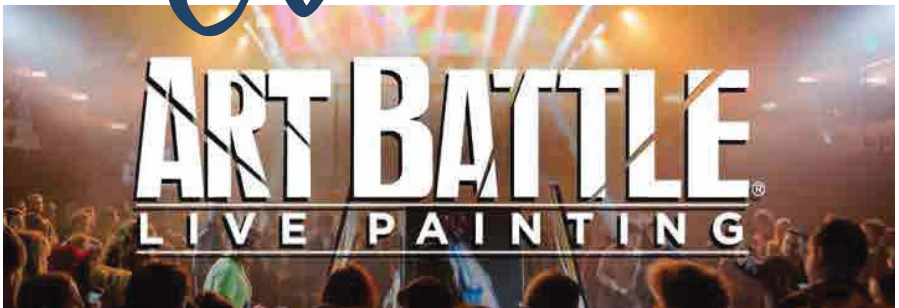


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Immigrant Services Guelph-Wellington is so pleased to host the 2nd annual Artistic Evening featuring ART BATTLE. Last year's event proved to be fruitful for many of our exhibitors. The event opened doors for promising connections and created pathways for additional creative expression. We are so grateful to our event sponsor – Scotiabank for participating again this year. I also want to thank RLB, Balner Property Management and DocumentPartners for their generous contribution.

For me, the beauty of this event lies in the opportunity to celebrate the expression of art. Art can keep us connected as a society. It allows for greater expression of individuality and yet bonds us with a common thread. That thread being an appreciation for creativity and storytelling through colour and images. For many, art frees the soul to be expressive. It can be the path to emotional freedom, to having a voice, to changing the course of one's life. These are all gifts worth sharing with one another. ISGW is delighted to have the opportunity to showcase these local artists to the Guelph community.

I invite you to get to know the artist behind their masterpiece this evening, take some time to meet our staff and board members and enjoy another artistic evening! Thank you for supporting us.

Sandra Cocco, M.A
Executive Director, ISGW





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Art Battle is a live competitive painting event held in almost every major city across Canada. Each event sees artists competing against one other in hopes of winning the grand prize of the evening and the chance to compete in the National Championship. The artists have 20 minutes to paint whatever inspires them in the medium of acrylic and as they work, patrons move around the easels to watch their process.

At the end of each round the audience votes for their favourite painting and bids in a silent auction for the work they want to take home.

Our own Kate Salih (see page 8 for her bio) is among the artists competing in the Battle tonight. **Good luck, Kate!**



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EXHIBITING ARTISTS



Reyad Alabdullah

Reyad Alabdullah was born in 1975 in Damascus, Syria. He graduated from the Adham Ismail Fine Arts Institute in Damascus in 1995. In 1998, he graduated from the Faculty of Fine Arts (Painting Department), Damascus University.

He arrived in New Brunswick, Canada in 2016, where he donated several of his paintings to the multi-cultural center in Fredericton. He now lives in Guelph, Ontario.



Computer classes are offered throughout the year at ISGW.

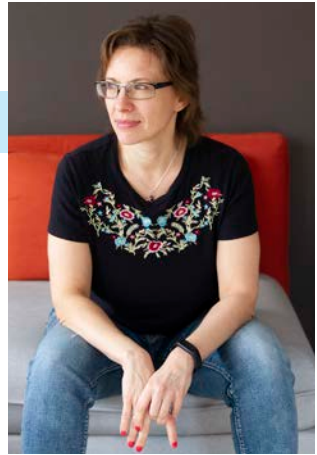
Yulia Balobanova

Yulia is an artist, interior designer and art instructor. She connects her 3 passions in her work – painting, interior design and working with people.

As an artist Yulia loves painting with soft pastel and watercolour, incorporating mixed media sketches, and experimenting with other mediums. Everywhere she looks she sees scenes that inspire her, from Guelph, local parks to other places she's visited in Ontario and across Canada. Mostly, she depicts scenes with combinations of man-made structures and nature. Yulia actively shows her pastel works in exhibitions and at art festivals.

As an art instructor Yulia teaches art for the City of Guelph and Continuing Education at the Upper Grand School Board where she works with adults of all ages. Yulia also teaches weekly art classes for kids, private lessons and workshops from her home studio where she also has an art gallery.

As an interior designer she helps people create a functional, comfortable and beautiful space in their home and offers interior decorating consultation services. Any home is an art project for her!





Maria Ibarra

Maria Ibarra is a Colombian artist based in Canada since 1999. She has lived in, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and now resides in Guelph. She is a writer, painter, sculptor and

illustrator, but above all, a passionate lover of a medium that everyone at one time in their lives used: PLASTICINE. She has been working with plasticine since she was young. It's a material she finds is the perfect match for the themes she likes to show in her artwork and the one she uses to illustrate her storybooks.

FERU, her artistic name, was born 46 years ago in Cartagena, Colombia. The warm weather, the people, the sun, the beach, and the colourful environment of this place has been an inspiration for her artwork. As an emerging artist she hasn't wasted an opportunity to learn new materials and techniques. Her academic development has been between Colombia, Canada, the EU and Spain. She has participated in more than 25 individual and collective exhibitions, where she always leaves a piece of her soul. She has been a tireless art teacher, spreading the importance of art and its benefits. You can follow Feru on Instagram: [feru200016](https://www.instagram.com/feru200016)

Shahla Kashani

Artist, Photographer, Painter

Shahla Kashani was born in 1964 in Isfahan, Iran. She graduated from the Azad University of Tehran in 1991 with a degree in Visual Arts and began her photographic career in 1982, in professional laboratories in Tehran.

She joined social and ethnological research teams, traveling to different parts of Iran. Her passion for photography lead her to the heart of different ethnic groups to study and document their customs and way of life .

She ran her own studio and photo lab for twenty years until she immigrated to Canada in 2014.



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Adriana Rosselli Londoño

Adriana Rosselli Londoño is a Colombian-Canadian painter based in Guelph, Ontario. She works primarily with acrylics, mixed media, collage, encaustic and oils, focusing her abstracts on colour and texture. She has studied in Colombia under the tutelage of Yalile Fadul and in

Canada at the Toronto School of Art and the Montreal Centre of Visual Arts. You can find more samples of her work at <http://aguaross.wixsite.com/aguarosspaints>



ISGW Women's Group at Bovey Greenhouse with the Julien Project.

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Nahid Rokhsana

Nahid Rokhsana is a freelance artist. She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. She has also achieved a Professional Floral Design certificate from the CIFD, Toronto. Although her expertise is in Oriental Art, she also enjoys working in other media such as pencil, oil, acrylic, water colour, mixed media, ink, poster colour, etching and coloured pen.



Nahid has participated in many group art exhibitions and has achieved several awards including first prize in the National Poster Contest organized by UNFPA (2008). She has been working in Guelph as a volunteer for different organizations since 2010 and in 2014 received a Guelph and District Multicultural Award. She has donated her artwork for an auction in support of music and art education for underprivileged kids in Guelph and her paintings have been collected by different organizations and individuals. Please view her work at <http://nrpaintings.com/>



Kate Salih

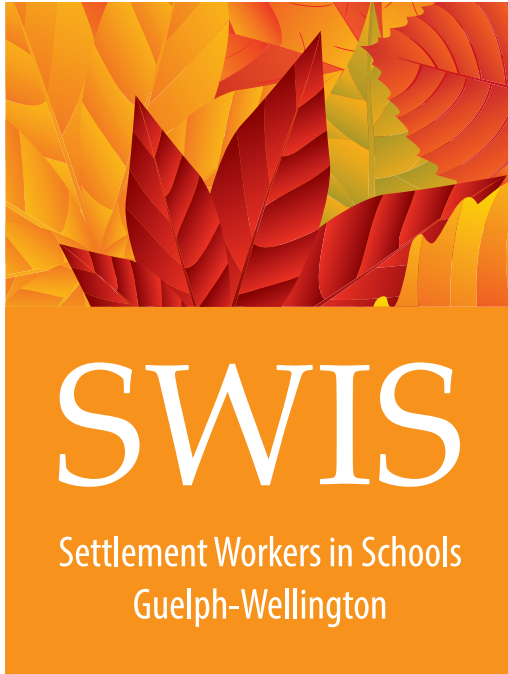
My artistic pseudonym is Kate Tokarska. Most of my artwork has been created using oil and acrylic paints. I lean towards the traditional techniques of old masters. My usual genre includes still life and landscape. My goal is to create paintings that give warm and happy feelings to the viewer every time they look at them. The strongest influence in my art comes from the colourful folklore of my hometown, Lowicz. I took art courses in Poland and Scotland but my father, who specialized in landscape oil painting, was my largest influence. I have participated in joint art shows throughout my travels in various countries. I have been actively teaching arts and crafts to our younger generation for the past 15 years. I'm Polish but I have lived and worked in Scotland, Dubai and most recently Guelph, which has become my home. Presently, I manage Art Studio Guelph which offers art, craft, sewing courses and a daycare.

Candace Slack

My creations are evocative of the spirit within. I use a vibrant palette with highlights and additions to images that exist beneath layers of paint, creating variations in the original colour and composition, allowing the viewer to discover elements revealed through the layers. The results are works of art that combine explorations in colour with soulful and impressionistic themes. Some of my compositions are playful or experimental, while others are inspired by my love of photography.

Candace earned her Bachelor of Fine Art degree from Ontario's University of Guelph. Since 1989 she has held many individual exhibitions and participated in numerous juried and group exhibitions across Canada. In 1996 she received an award from a University of Guelph juried exhibition. Her photographs have been featured in various publications.





What services does SWIS offer?

The SWIS Program provides settlement support to newcomer families in designated schools during the school year (September to June). Settlement workers connect with newcomer families one-on-one and in group settings providing important settlement-related information to help with adjustment to life in Canada.

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