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Call for Artists:

Waste Not – Community Exhibition

How can artists engage in conversations about sustainability and environmental responsibility? What insights can artists share about waste and recycling? An upcoming exhibition at Casa will challenge artists to consider these ideas in a new community exhibition.

The Gallery at Casa is calling for artists to participate in our upcoming exhibition, “**Waste Not**” running June 12–August 16, 2027. This exhibition is a partnership between The Gallery at Casa and the Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre. This exhibition will be taking place throughout both floors of Casa and is open to all regional artists who want to participate.

We are looking for work in any medium including, but not limited to, drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, video, textile, and cross-disciplinary exploration. Perhaps you create art using upcycled materials or explore photography to capture compelling images? Maybe you are developing a painting that touches on these themes, or are a musician making instruments from recycled components? All individuals interested in conversations about these important subjects are encouraged to participate.

Through a partnership agreement with the Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre, artists will be invited to take part in a guided tour of the Waste and Recycling Centre, and will have the opportunity to work on-site drawing, painting, or taking photographs at the Blue Sky Centre during two facilitated sessions in the late summer and early spring. Participants aren’t required to attend the scheduled sessions but are encouraged visit the Waste and Recycling Centre. Artists are welcome to explore the theme independently and will have until June 1, 2027 to create their work.

To confirm your participation, please send an expression of interest that includes a brief bio, a short description of the type of work you intend to make, and examples of past/current work (if applicable). The **deadline for expressions of interest is November 1, 2026**. Artists are encouraged to apply early. All participants will receive a modest honorarium.

Submissions can be sent via email to gallery@artslethbridge.org using “**Waste Not**” in the subject line. Artists will be sent further logistical information, including tour dates, after we receive their expressions of interest.

Background:

How can artists engage locally with themes of waste and sustainability? The Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre is the city’s main facility for managing solid waste, recycling, and composting. It serves as both a landfill and a materials recovery site, helping divert recyclables and organic matter from disposal. It plays a vital role in supporting Lethbridge’s environmental goals by reducing landfill use and promoting sustainable waste practices. Not many people know about the interpretive area, the Blue Sky Centre, and you may also be surprised to learn about the beehives and honey they produce! There is lots to learn!