

Meet the Winners of the DICE Haldimand Mural Contest!

2nd Place (tie): Sarah Butcher from Jarvis

Sarah's artwork will be showcased as part of Dementia Inclusive Communities for Everyone Haldimand Mural – launching in Caledonia in September 2022!



About Sarah

I've been a resident of Haldimand County all my life- growing up in Cayuga and now raising a family in Jarvis. I've always had a natural, artistic ability and am most happy when creating something. My storage room is full of "bits and bobs", paint, and other misc. supplies awaiting transformation by my amateur hands. I decided to enter the contest because as an active volunteer myself, I see firsthand what it means to belong to a community and also serve that community. I'm grateful to listen, learn, and team up with those who bring their life experience into initiatives.

Concept for Sarah's Winning Design

To show an inclusive community, I depicted all of Haldimand County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation reserves in the overall shape of my design. I used Forget-me-not flowers as a symbol of dementia and situated the blooms where the brain would sit in the profile. Small black seeds have fallen from the flower to show ideas being planted; the seeds are situated approx. where towns are located. The green area transforms into an open palm, holding the roots of the plant in 'Haldimand clay' to show support and a cycle of regeneration. The mouth of the profile is open and emanating sound waves which merge into ripples at water's edge. I used gradating sunset colours to bring attention to the silhouette. They represent an age element but also brightness, warmth, and positivity. I hope the overall impression of this mural shows that thoughts, hands, and voice are always invited to be shared in a dementia-friendly community! Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this DICE contest.
