

Notable AX
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Save the Date: Friday, June 16, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

AX's Board of Directors and I are so pleased to be able to announce our opening!

On Friday, June 16, at 5:00 p.m., AX will launch our inaugural exhibit, called *Jeepers Peepers*.

After months of extensive renovations and improvements headed by the Town of Sussex, our beautiful building has been transformed and will be ready to showcase AX's opening exhibit. *Jeepers Peepers* is a spring-themed collaboration between AX, the New Brunswick Museum, and 17 artists from across the province, and will feature many different media including textiles, ceramics, glass, paint, and wood.

The opening reception on June 16 will begin at 5:00 p.m. and run until 7:30, and Knocks Café, operated by Ruth McEachern, will also be open for business! The restaurant space has a fantastic vibe, great seating, and will offer craft beer on tap, wine and cocktails. As well as being fully licensed, Knocks Café will have a full dinner menu with a variety of dishes, such as chicken pesto panini, a tapas platter with Italian meats and a selection of cheeses, olives, and grilled vegetables. The menu will be culturally diverse and will also have several vegetarian and gluten-free options. Think European flavours, fresh herbs, locally-sourced offerings, local beer, and Java Moose coffee.

The *Jeepers Peepers* opening and exhibit are free to the public, and the exhibit will run until August.

As part of the exhibit, Don McAlpine, Head Curator of the Department of Natural Science at the New Brunswick Museum, will offer a presentation entitled "Things that Go Croak in the Night (and some that don't): New Brunswick Amphibians and Reptiles". This will take place at AX on **Thursday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m.**, so be sure to save that date, too.

The building is still under renovation, and once we're in on the first floor, the crew will continue work on the second floor, finalizing the workshop space, retail art studio, and the remaining art studios and common area on the third floor.

In other arts and culture news around Sussex, the Kings County Studio Tour is coming right up, **June 10-11**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit artists working in their studios and see where they create. Visit www.kingscountystudiotour.com for more information and to download a map of the participating artists.

See you at AX's inaugural exhibit, *Jeepers Peepers*, on Friday, June 16, from 5:00 - 7:30pm.