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VIA EMAIL

RE: Desmond Juried Art Exhibition and Sale

I am writing today to address the status of the Desmond Juried Art Exhibition and Sale, 2015.

As it happens, I am, unfortunately, getting older and I do not feel up to the considerable amount of work that is necessarily involved in arranging this kind of Exhibition. I am also getting busier in my law practice and I have in addition two farms that require a considerable amount of management, particularly in light of the fact that we have a significant conservation area, recently expanded, on the north shore of Lake Erie to which our farms run. Accordingly, after six years of taking 100% responsibility for the show and its arrangements, I just do not have the energy to do this properly, and, as I have gotten busier in my practice, I am being advised by my own staff as well that they do not have the time to devote to arranging the Exhibition. The contribution of my staff was also considerable.

I can advise all concerned, however, that a proposal has been made to the Fine Arts Department of the University of Guelph (Guelph Campus) to move the Exhibition to that campus. In fact, this possibility was canvased a few years ago but it would of course necessitate the moving of the Exhibition from Ridgetown thus defeating the sponsor's purpose of bringing art to a significantly underserved area of Southwestern Ontario.

In any event, I will keep you apprised of the future of the Desmond Juried Art Exhibition and Sale.

Yours very truly,



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