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The City of Peterborough and the Board of Directors for The Art Gallery of Peterborough are pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Celeste Scopelites as Director effective October 14, 2008.

Ms. Scopelites has many years experience in gallery management roles. As former Director/Curator of the Art Gallery of Sudbury she has successfully built community partnerships and strategic ventures with other galleries to achieve artistic and economic goals. Most recently, she developed a partnership with the National Gallery of Canada in support of the tour and publication of *The Drawings and Paintings of Daphne Odjig: A Retrospective Exhibition*.

Ms. Scopelites's skills in administration, development and community collaboration will be an asset as she assumes leadership of the Art Gallery of Peterborough.

President of the AGP Board, Susan Fisher-Thomas states, "I strongly believe we are welcoming Celeste as a Director who will go into the community and develop new and exciting directions for the gallery as well as maintaining and sustaining what is already in place.

"It was a slow recruitment process because we wanted to make a solid final decision. Our priority was to select a positive, dynamic personality for the position of Director. The AGP requires a Director who is passionate about taking the gallery forward in the community and strengthening its profile as a supportive landmark for everyone. Celeste meets this requirement."

In addition to a strong professional portfolio, Ms. Scopelite's education, which includes a Masters of Fine Art from Cranbrook Academy of Art, an Associate of Ontario College of Art and Design from Ontario College of Art and Design and a Bachelors of Art from University of Guelph, provides a comprehensive framework for her new portfolio.

Ms. Scopelite states, "I am delighted to accept the role of Director at the Art Gallery of Peterborough. I know there is a great arts community and strong support for The Art Gallery of Peterborough. Now more than ever, it's important for galleries to develop relevant and innovative experience in the visual arts. I can't wait to get started!"

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