



New Directions & Thoughtful Finds

There's always something new to discover at the Blackberry Gift Shop, and this season is a perfect time to stop by. With Mother's Day just around the corner, you may find that special, one-of-a-kind gift while supporting local artists and artisans in the process. Our displays are constantly evolving, offering fresh work and inspiration throughout the shop. While you're here, take a moment to visit PoMoArts and the Ann Kitching Gallery, where a new exhibition is on view starting May 14—inventing a look just beyond the expected.

BEYOND BOUNDS

This spring, we are excited to share something a little different. Members of the Blackberry Gift Shop are stepping beyond the walls of the shop and into the Ann Kitching Gallery at PoMoArts for a special group exhibition running from May 14 to July 5.

Titled *Beyond Bounds*, this show invites our artists to explore what happens when we move past the

familiar. Each participating member created work that literally or conceptually breaks boundaries—whether that means pieces that extend beyond the edges of a frame, incorporate unexpected materials, or simply push beyond the limits of their usual processes and approaches. The resulting collection is varied, experimental, and engaging.

For many of our artists, this exhibition offers an opportunity to take creative risks in a supportive environment. Some have expanded on techniques they've been quietly developing, while others have ventured into entirely new territory. You may notice shifts in scale, bolder use of colour, or a move toward abstraction and conceptual thinking. In some cases, the work challenges traditional expectations of form or presentation; in others, the "boundary" being pushed is more subtle—an evolution of style, material, or intent.

BEYOND BOUNDS May 14 - July 5

ANN KITCHING GALLERY HOURS
Weekdays: 10:30am - 8:30pm
Weekends: 10:00am - 4:00pm

OPENING RECEPTION
May 14, 6:00 - 8:00pm

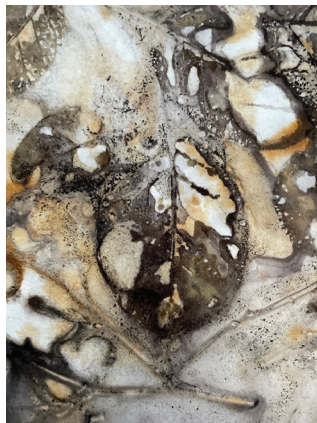
At its heart, *Beyond Bounds* is about exploration. It reflects a willingness among our members to stretch their practices and to embrace the unknown aspects of making. This spirit of curiosity is an important part of what keeps our artistic community vibrant and evolving.

The exhibition features the work of 15 Blackberry Artists Society members, each bringing their own perspective to the theme. Together, their pieces create a dynamic and thoughtful show that highlights not only individual creativity but also the collective strength of our group.

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Maartje Vlaar, *Gloria*



Dorothy Doherty, *From the Land* detail