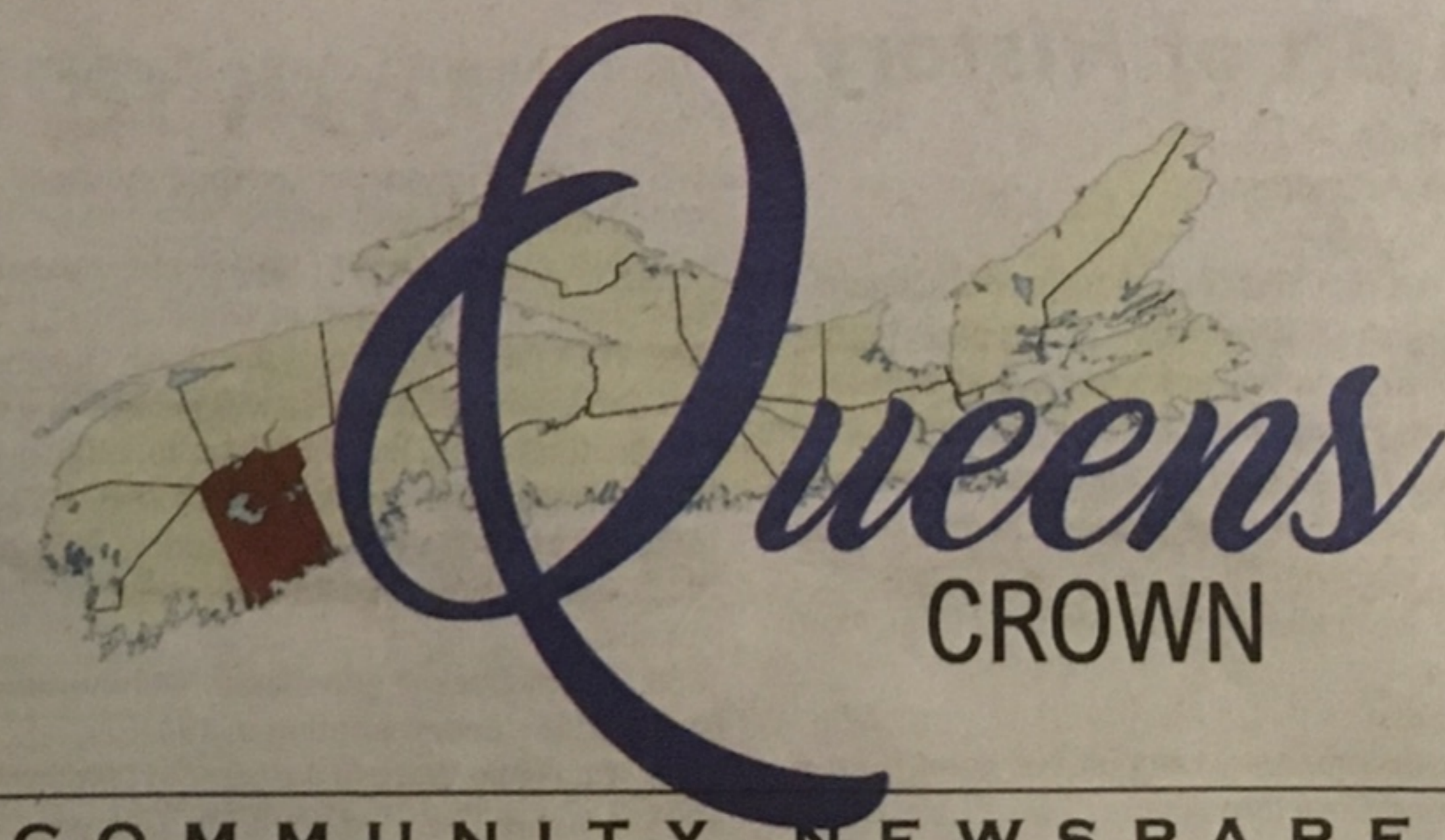


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Queens Coast Art Tour

"Artists at work" is the theme for the first annual Queens Coast Art Tour, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22. The Art Tour will feature artists and artisans throughout Queens County, some at their own studios and several at cooperative locations, including Coastal Queens Place in Port Mouton, White Point Resort and Astor Theatre in Liverpool.

The Tour evolved from a series of meetings recently, which also resulted in the creation of a "Queens Coast Creatives" map of the region featuring more than three dozen artists, artisans and galleries. The map idea was presented by Scot Slessor, a former diplomat who operates

SAS Glass and conducts workshops with community groups wanting to produce glass and stained glass projects to promote their organizations.

"The Art Tour and map are perfect examples of how collective action can tap the rich creative environment here in Queens County", says Slessor. He adds that local artists and artisans think that promotion of art and culture is essential to the success of the Region and that the Arts Tour is likely to attract "art tourists" from the Region and beyond.

For the weekend of the tour, artists and artisans will make their studios and galleries open for the public Saturday and Sunday, with some locations presenting hands-on art experiences, such as a "Paint-a-thon" and "Trash to Treasures" demonstrations and a live art auction.

The Art Tour will feature work from oil, acrylic and watercolor painters, sculptors, ceramicists, carvers, glass artists, print-makers, jewelers, fibre artists and furniture makers.

Information about the Queens Coast Art Tour and periodic posts featuring participating artists and artisans can be found on Facebook by searching for "Queens Art Tour".

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