



Canadian Embroiderers' Guild London
SUMMER WORKSHOP 2025

Carolyn Parks

The Art of Felting (3 days)

Thursday, June 5 - Saturday, June 7, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. John Labatt Visual Arts Centre, Western University.



The Art Of Felting with Carolyn Parks

In the course of this 3-day workshop with fibre artist Carolyn Parks, participants will be working from personal photos or inspirations. The first day will be spent learning to 'draw' with wool (needle felting) to create an 8" X10" piece. The next two days will focus on 'painting' with wool (wet felting) resulting in a 14" x 16" work of art. There will be time to embellish and accent both pieces with stitching (machine and hand), beading, etc. For both types of felting, all areas of design considerations and felting techniques will be covered.

Skill level: all experience levels welcome. You can work to your comfort level. **Class size** - 15 plus a facilitator



Artist Statement

Carolyn Parks is a fibre artist working and teaching out of her St. Jacobs Village studio. She uses the techniques of wet and needle felting wool in order to create two-dimensional art. Carolyn is inspired by various subjects when creating her artwork and favours a more impressionistic approach in her designs.

Website: www.carolynparks.com

Instagram: [@carolynparks](https://www.instagram.com/carolynparks)

Artist's Biography:

Business:

2017 - Present:

- Fibre Artist focusing on wet and needle-felted, 2-dimensional art
- Owner at Carolyn J. Parks Studio & Gallery

Teaching:

2020 - present:

Have taught over 300 participants through two classes: Learn To Paint With Wool - An Introduction to Wet Felting and Learn to Draw With Wool - An Introduction to Needle Felting

2022 - present:

Regular instructor with Modern Prairie, a US-based online lifestyle brand and community co-founded by actor Melissa Gilbert (of Little House On The Prairie) and COO Nicole Haase.

Has taught at the Ailsa Craig Arts Centre and currently on the artist roster with Southampton Arts Centre.

Book: 2021, Authored *Learn to Paint With Wool - An Introduction to Wet Felting*.

Shows & Tours

- The Art Shoppe/Georgian Bay
- Paris Bohemian Gallery/Paris
- Station Gallery/St. Mary's
- TriSisters Arthouse/St. Jacobs
- Neruda Performing Arts/St. Jacobs
- Hosted *Canada - Pretty As A Picture* exhibit with fellow artist/collaborator Della vanDokkumburg

2021 - 2023

- Chair of the Kissing Bridge Art Tour for 3 years/Woolwich
- Participating Artist with the Mary Allen Studio Tour/Waterloo
- Participating Artist with the Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists Tour/Bruce Peninsula

Charitable Work

2021 - 2024

- Created Spirit Bear felting kits, with \$25 per kit sold supporting the First Nations. Child & Family Caring Society of Canada. To date, over \$6,000 raised.
- A frequent provider of class or art donations to regional charitable fundraisers.

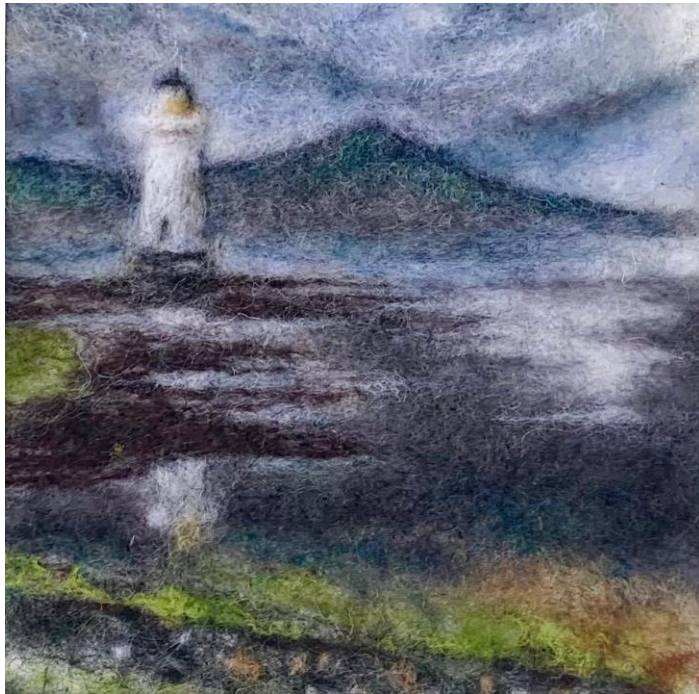
***MEMBERS' FEE: \$225**

***NON-MEMBERS' FEE: \$300**

***KIT FEE: \$15 (approx)**

Cancellation/Refund Policy:

For cancellation or refund information, please refer to our website's **Home Page** to access the **General Information** document.





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SUPPLY LIST

Workshop Kit:

Kit fee: \$15 payable to the teacher

All materials required to needle felt and wet felt will be included in the workshop kit fee including the use of bubble mat, nets, water sprayers, soap, pre-felt and felt for backings of pieces, foam pads and felting needles.

All participants will have full access to the many colours of wool, special fibres and embellishments that Carolyn will have available in class.

Each participant will leave this workshop with their own small foam pad plus 2 felting needles to take home so that they can continue any remaining work.

Supply List

Participants are asked to bring the following:

- 2 photos that they would like to use as inspiration: one for Day 1 (Learn To Draw With Wool) and one for Days 2 and 3 (Learn To Paint with Wool).
- **Note:** *Carolyn will communicate with all participants prior to the workshop to offer tips on photo selection*
- a beach/bath towel for the wet felting process
- any extra materials or embellishments that participants may wish to incorporate into their works. This could include beads, findings, special fibres, embroidery, thread, crystals and more. Carolyn will have embellishment materials on hand.
- sewing machine - Carolyn will have one for class use. Bring your own if you wish.

Miscellaneous:

- *Coffee mug
- *Name tag if you are a guild member