

## P R E S S R E L E A S E

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### The Haut-Saint-François MRC renews the experience A 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of "Capture Your Heritage"

**COOKSHIRE-EATON, April 15, 2024** — The Haut-Saint-François MRC is proud to announce the return of the traveling exhibition "Capture Your Heritage." This exhibition is inspired by Action patrimoine's photography contest, an organization tasked with protecting, highlighting, and promoting Quebec's built heritage and cultural landscapes.

With this second edition, the Haut-Saint-François MRC continues its mission to promote and valorize its heritage. Under the coordination of Chloë Southam (MRC's heritage development officer) and in collaboration with Rebecca Coates (teacher at Cookshire Elementary School in Cookshire-Eaton), students were given the opportunity to discover the rich heritage and cultural landscapes of their region. The exhibition features photographs from 23 participants in the 5th and 6th grades of this school.

This exhibition offers members of the Haut-Saint-François community the opportunity to discover the original creations of its young artists. Through the images they have captured, they express their vision of the heritage of our beautiful territory.

The works of the participating students will be exhibited on Saturdays and Sundays from April 20 to May 1, 2024, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Suzanne-Genest Gallery at 125 West Main Street in Cookshire-Eaton. Then, the exhibition will move to the tourist office of Cookshire-Eaton located at the John-Henry-Pope Cultural Center at 25 West Main Street in Cookshire-Eaton, starting from June 24 until September 2, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The opening will take place on April 20, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Suzanne-Genest Gallery (located on the ground floor of the Cookshire-Eaton Art Gallery).

The exhibition is a great opportunity for visitors to celebrate the heritage of Haut-Saint-François through the inspiring perspective of these young artists who share their connection to life in the "Haut".

*The MRC du Haut-Saint-François comprises 14 municipalities (Ascot Corner, Bury, Chartierville, Cookshire-Eaton, Dudswell, East Angus, Hampden, La Patrie, Lingwick, Newport, Saint-Isidore-de-Clifton, Scotstown, Weedon, and Westbury) with a population of 23,653 inhabitants. Its council is formed by their mayors. The MRC provides services such as: public transportation, high-speed internet, recreation, mapping/geomatics, urban planning and inspection, watercourse management (safety of people and property), home renovation programs, eco-center, septic tank measurement and emptying, sale for non-payment of municipal taxes, intermunicipal fiber-optic internet network. Its responsibilities cover land use planning, property assessment, residual materials management plan, Récup-Estrie (in partnership with 5 other MRCs in Estrie), the Valoris eco-industrial park, public safety, fire risk coverage plan. The MRC is working on projects such as: preservation of the starry sky, the Marécage-des-Scots regional park, local road planning, Article 59 of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (land occupancy), the Agricultural Zone Development Plan (PDZA), and socio-economic development through its Local Development Center.*

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