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**For Immediate Release**

## Fibre Artist Sue Sturdy Begins Residency at Cambridge Centre for the Arts

Cambridge, Ontario. Feb 5, 2010...There's a history of textile excellence in Cambridge and while the local economic base has morphed to include significant knowledge-based industries, textiles are still part of the fabric here. The 2010 Artist-in-Residence (AIR) program for Cambridge's Centre for the Arts builds on this expertise with the decision to bring Sue Sturdy on the team to enhance the artistic opportunities for the knitting medium.

"Sue has an imaginative program planned to celebrate this vital community heritage bringing knitting to the fore as an exciting, contemporary art form" says Sophie McCann, Arts Coordinator for the Centre.

There's a wealth of activities available for the community including:

### **Public Art Creation**

'KNIT CamBRIDGE' - Knitters from the area will be invited to contribute their knitting to the creation of a collaborative, large scale piece of outdoor public art. The high profile location of the Main Street Bridge will be dressed with knitting. Once the showing is over, it will have a big impact on local charities, as it will be designed into blankets and scarves for fundraising. Some items will be auctioned off with proceeds being injected back into the arts centre to support enhanced programming. Sponsored by the Waterloo Regional Arts Fund, additional information on how to participate can be found at [www.cambridgecentreforthearts.ca](http://www.cambridgecentreforthearts.ca).

### **Building Networks and Expertise**

'Monthly Knitting Circle' - Fellowship abounds as knitters share information, stories and experiences while tapping into sessions with guest speakers. You may hear a yarn or two.

'Knit Crossings' - People will be invited to pick up the needles and get knitting to contribute to the pieces as a community wide collaboration of knitting. Knitting projects in progress will be placed throughout the area at libraries, coffee shops, community centres and other public gathering spaces to support the 'KNIT CamBRIDGE' project. This activity is sponsored by Diamond Yarns, Reid Chocolates and The Flower Market.

## Global Events

'World Wide Knit In Public Day' is June 19 & 20, 2010. Show your stuff and gather in Civic Square, the wonderful public space in front of Cambridge City Hall and the Centre for The Arts, to knit and celebrate the art.

'Yarns of Yarn Book' - A new project to capture the legacy of knitting in the community is underway. Sue Sturdy is developing a book with Cambridge people's tales and stories about knitting: how they came to knitting; what influenced them; and how it has enriched their lives. Elements of the rich history of the textile industry in the area will also be incorporated. Contact Sue by email at [sturdys@cambridge.ca](mailto:sturdys@cambridge.ca) or call 519.740.4681 ext. 4491

For more details on program and regular updates on new development, visit [www.cambridgecentreforthearts.ca](http://www.cambridgecentreforthearts.ca)

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## About AIR

Each year an artist is selected for the position of Artist-in-Residence (A.I.R.) at the Cambridge Centre for the Arts. The artist shares their talents and skills with the community by engaging in various art initiatives that involve participation and arts education. The program is in part funded by the Cambridge Arts Guild. More information on the program, as well as the Cambridge Centre for the Arts can be found at [www.cambridgecentreforthearts.ca](http://www.cambridgecentreforthearts.ca)

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## About Cambridge

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

## About the Corporation of the City of Cambridge

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is a dynamic organization filled with dedicated people who deliver vital municipal services to you. Services that residents, businesses, visitors and people like your family and friends enjoy. We're a comprehensive team of professionals: engineers, financial specialists, skilled trades, administrative experts, customer service, communications - and the list goes on.

We're proud to be part of the systems that bring you the array of services that citizens in Cambridge need:

- Parks and recreation
- Activities and programs like pools, seniors' centres, community centres, arenas and other facilities
- Sports programs and all the needs related to playing fields, like indoor soccer, baseball diamonds and other amenities
- Events
- Farmers' Market
- Cemetery services
- Road programs
- Leaf pick up services
- Winter maintenance services
- Water and sewer services
- Fire, emergency and related services
- By-laws and enforcement
- Tax administration
- Licensing for businesses, lotteries, marriage, dogs, and other services like applications for birth, death and marriage certificates, notarizing or commissioning of documents
- Archival research
- Economic Development and business support programs
- Tourism support to share opportunities to showcase the festivals and help bring visitors in to support retail and other elements of the economy
- Administration of committees, steering groups and advisory groups
- Planning and development services
- Traffic and parking services
- Ensuring the best security, police, transit, garbage, water processing service, utilities, animal control are in place.
- Libraries and galleries
- Centre for the arts
- Accessibility matters
- Council services including things like supporting the up coming needs of our residents for the Oct 2010 municipal elections

It's a multitude of services and we continue to refine and review them to ensure we deliver the services in the most effective, efficient, and proactive ways.

In 2010 we are undergoing a corporate service review. This is a further check and balance system to seeking improvements - like better technologies to simplify processes or realigning how we operate. The comprehensive review is happening this year with a view to providing a report to Council for consideration. The report will be available by year end and will be addressed by the newly elected council for the 2011 budget.

For more information on the area or the corporation visit [www.cambridge.ca](http://www.cambridge.ca)

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