

The Buckhorn Fine Art Festival is proud to announce that one of our exhibiting artist's creations has been chosen as the design for the recently released 2016 Lucky Loonie! Congratulations to **Derek Wicks!**

The Royal Canadian Mint is paying tribute to all Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Athletes competing in the 2016 Rio Summer Games by launching the 2016 Lucky Loonie, Canada's latest commemorative circulation coin.

Derek has been a professional artist for over 15 years. He has a strong love for his country and has a strong sense of national pride. Derek says "When I designed this coin I wanted to create a surge of energy and power, just like our athletes will be doing during the Rio games. A rush of water and a dynamic posture give the loon, one of our national symbols, the sense of take-off to soar to new heights. The maple leaf was placed to create a feeling of draping a cloak symbolizing that the whole country is behind our athletes".

This is not the first time one of our exhibiting artists has received this honour. The 2-dollar coin, or 'Toonie', as Canadians have named it, features the image of an adult polar bear in early summer on an ice floe. It was designed by wildlife and landscape artist **Brent Townsend**. The 2-dollar coin was first introduced on February 19, 1996, to replace the 2-dollar bill.

Visit **Derek Wicks** along with many other creative and talented artists at the Buckhorn Fine Art Festival August 13th and 14th.

What: Buckhorn Fine Art Festival

Where: Buckhorn Community Centre, 1782 Lakehurst Road, Buckhorn

When: Saturday August 13 from 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday August 16 from 10 am to 5 pm

Opening Garden Party Friday August 12 from 7 to 9 pm

More Information: www.buckhornfineart.com or phone 705-657-1918