

# St. Marys Station Gallery

## 5 James Street North, St. Marys, ON

An Exhibit of Photography & Poetry of STONE  
Seeing Comes Before Words

St. Marys Station Gallery opens its upcoming exhibit Stone Friday, February 22nd, a collection of photographs with poetry from the Poetry Circle and the Photography Club of St. Marys.

The photographer, by using the camera, takes images of their world and places them on film for people to view. Every time we look at a photograph, we are aware, however slightly, of the photographer selecting that sight from an infinity of other possible sights. It is seeing which establishes our place in the surrounding world and we explain how we see the world with words.

“Each photograph in this exhibition of Stone has much captive poetry to be discovered”, enthuses Cameron Porteous, St. Marys Station Gallery Curator. The photographers have created images in black and white, also known as ‘film noir’ to enhance the poetic nature of the photograph. The great American film director, John Huston made many films in black and white. His reason was that colour in some cases detracted from the story he wanted to tell. The artist, Michelangelo, said that inside the marble is a human torso. “My job”, he states, “is to release it from captivity.”

This exhibition brings together artists to create images and poems based upon the word stone. The Town of St. Marys owes much of its existence to its quarries of stone, and therefore is the location for many of the selected images. Together the St. Marys local photography club, St. Marys Clicks, and our local poets of the St. Marys Poetry Circle bring you their inspirations. For the first time, along with the exhibit, the Gallery has published a book Stone with the collection of photographs and poetry. Publication of the book Stone is available at the Station Gallery at \$19.95 each and will be released to the public at the exhibit opening.

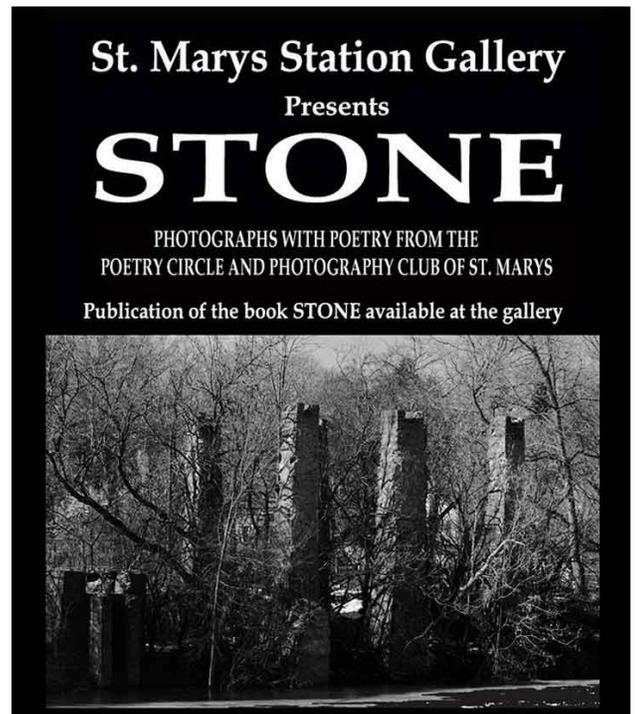
The exhibition will also feature a talk by Heather Meakin – Rock, Paper, Memory: The Quest for Permanence on Saturday, March 9 at 2 pm at the Gallery. Heather Meakin, is a Professor of English Literature and Creative Writing (Poetry).

Stone opens Friday, February 22nd with a reception at 7 pm that is open to everyone.  
The exhibit runs until April 6, 2019.

St. Marys Station Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11 am to 4:30 pm. A Friend of the Gallery often attends to help you enjoy your visit and to explain more about the artists and their works.  
To learn more about the St. Marys Station Gallery please visit [www.stmarysstationgallery.ca](http://www.stmarysstationgallery.ca).

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