



Art City Report to Rotary Club of Winnipeg - ARTsquad, Summer 2025

Based on the Rotary Club of Winnipeg's Rotary Leadership Circle (RLC) program, ARTsquad is Art City's long-running, registered teen program for participants aged 12 to 15. Initially exclusive to summer months, ARTsquad's success and positive impact prompted Art City to adapt the program to offer it year-round. Each school year, a selected cohort convenes at the Art City studio on Saturdays. In July and August, the summer cohort meets Mondays through Thursdays in the park on Young Street near Balmoral, working parallel to the Art City Outside program. (Art City Outside is attended by young children and community members of all ages).

In 2025, Rotary Club of Winnipeg supported ARTsquad in the amount of \$3,300. This supported a cohort of 10 members, who engaged in the following activities:

July 2, 3	Meet and Greet / Drawing Games / Big Mirror Drawing Game / Book Binding These activities were designed to introduce returning members to new members, building a sense of belonging among the group.
July 7, 8	Clean up the Park ARTsquad pulled weeds and raked several years of fallen leaves throughout the park, revitalizing the space and making it much easier to find and safely dispose of dangerous items left by park visitors. This was of benefit to program participants and the wider community.
July 9	Lino Cut Lino cutting is a printmaking process where an image is carved into a piece of linoleum. Ink is rolled onto the finished lino cut then pressed onto a surface to make a print. These were created in preparation to create lino print t-shirts.
July 10	Toy Hacking This workshop repurposes small plastic toys. ARTsquad members carefully take them apart, swap pieces and add new ones, resulting in the creation of strange, imaginative new objects.
July 11	Field Trip to Folk Fest

	ARTsquad had the opportunity to spend the day at the Winnipeg Folk Festival courtesy of Folk Fest's Guest for a Day community outreach program.
July 14, 15	Scrap Wood Bird Houses Built with repurposed wood salvaged from past Art City projects and installed in trees throughout the park.
July 16	Printmaking with Karen Law ARTsquad took the opportunity to work with Art City Outside's special guest artist – Karen Law, a printmaker visiting Art City from Markham, ON.
July 17	Ceramics Artworks made from clay
July 21	Shrinking Art "Shrinky Dinks" – Artwork drawn on shrink film, shrunk in a toaster oven.
July 22	Paper Mâché Sculptures Objects created with paper mâché then painted.
July 23	Soap Stone Carving with Dave Zachary Guest artist Dave Zachary – The Man of Stone – led ARTsquad in carving sculptures from soap stone.
July 24	Big Picnic Blanket ARTsquad sewed a collaborative fabric blanket to take along on a picnic planned for the following week
July 28	Walk, Picnic and Watercolour Painting ARTsquad went for a walk to Memorial Park, bringing watercolour painting supplies to do work and stopping to enjoy a picnic on their collaborative big collaborative picnic blanket.
July 29	Lino Print T-Shirts ARTsquad used the lino cuts made on July 9 to make lino cut print t-shirts.
July 30	Ceramic Glazing ARTsquad's ceramic works from July 17 had been fired in Art City's kiln and were ready to glaze.
July 31	Boat Float Boats built from reclaimed wood and mixed media – ARTsquad took their boats to the Memorial Park fountains to see how they float. Toy Hack objects from July 10 were carried aboard these vessels.
August 4	Water Gun Painting Waterpistols full of diluted paint were fired at a large canvas, creating a dynamic, collaborative abstract painting.
August 5	Button Making Small drawings and collages formed into buttons using a manual button press.
August 6	Mold Making ARTsquad members used silicone to make molds of various small objects in order to create plaster casts of these objects.
August 7	Tye Dye T-Shirts

August 11	Water Colour Painting
August 12	Edward Carriere Mural Restoration ARTsquad restored an existing Art City mural on the side of Edward Carriere salon that had been defaced with graffiti.
August 13	Zines Short for "Magazines" – zines are small, self-published booklets.
August 14	Water Gun Painting ARTsquad members filled waterguns with diluted paint and shot them at a giant canvas hung up in the park creating a fun, collaborative artwork.
August 18, 19	Community Compost Bin Painting New compost bins were built at a nearby community garden, and the ARTsquad was asked to give them a vibrant paint job.
August 20	Field Trip to Cool Gardens public art installations ARTsquad and Art City Outside participants traveled by chartered bus to Assiniboine Park, Graham Avenue and Saint Boniface to tour public art sculptures and installations presented by Storefront Manitoba's Cool Gardens exhibition.
August 21	Walk, Picnic and Watercolour Painting ARTsquad went for another walk to Memorial Park, bringing watercolour painting supplies to do work and stopping to enjoy a picnic on their collaborative big collaborative picnic blanket.
August 25	Edward Carriere Courtyard Sculpture Painting ARTsquad re-painted the old Art City sculpture located in Edward Carriere's Broadway courtyard. Their vibrant paint scheme restored the sculpture and revitalized this highly visible space.
August 26	Edward Carriere Mural Restoration ARTsquad restored Edward Carriere's back lane facing mural – this mural was a collaboration between Edward Carriere staff and Art City which had been defaced by graffiti. ARTsquad's restoration work made the mural even more vibrant than when it was originally created.
August 27	Preparations for end of summer Art Sale
August 28	Art Sale Scheduled for the last day of programming and in tandem to the Art City Outside Talent Show, ARTsquad sold artwork created over the course of the summer. Rotary Board representative Frank Cosway was kind enough to drop by to purchase items. Thank you for this support! Subsequently, ARTsquad members were provided their honorariums. All member successfully completed their full hours, earning \$200 each.
	Please view the selection of images included with this report

	ARTsquad Summer 2025 Budget
REVENUE	
GRANTS	
Rotary Club of Winnipeg	\$3,300
Winnipeg Foundation Children and Youth Program Grant	\$7,500
Siobhan Richardson	\$640
Province of Manitoba Nutrition Grant	\$640
United Way	\$1,250
Manitoba Arts Council	\$1,250
City of Winnipeg	\$1,250
Graham C. Lount	\$807
TOTAL REVENUE	\$16,637
ARTsquad Summer 2025 EXPENSES	
ARTsquad Coordinator Wages July/August	\$6,127
ARTsquad Facilitator Wages July/August	\$3,858
ARTsquad Programming Assistant Wages July/August	\$2,852
Honoraria to ARTsquad members	\$1,880
Supplies (specialized ARTsquad supplies such as used toys for toy hacking, printmaking supplies such as lino, plaster, button making supplies, materials for guest artist workshops & supplies for outdoor programming such as compostable cups and wasp traps)	\$640
Healthy Meal (over 640 meals served during ARTsquad programming)	\$1,280
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,637
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	\$0