

The Water Street Studio Story

Twenty-eight years and still thriving

The Water Street Studio Co-operative began 28 years ago when Delia Burge and Faith Morgan met at a farmer's market in Pictou. We were chatting away and we decided it would be good to have a spot where we could work and sell our crafts, recalls Delia. They discovered there were five other women who felt the same and the co-op was born.



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Delia Burge and Anne McDonald
of Water Street Studio Co-operative

Members have changed over the years, but the co-op has not only survived – it has thrived. The fact we've been able to be here for all these years and we've kept the quality of the store high is something to be proud of, says Anne McDonald, one of the key current members.

Quality handmade crafts and support of craftspeople

We're bringing quality crafts from Nova Scotia to people in one venue where they can see what is available in our province and the Maritimes. You don't often get that opportunity. We also try to keep it as affordable as possible, yet at the same time giving the craftspeople enough so they can make a living.

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We have a selection for everyone. And maybe some things are from away, but they are handmade by people in other counties who we feel have artistic merit and we're supporting them. We have a reputation for quality and we have people coming from all over the province to shop or see what talented craftspeople are creating.