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# STUDIO BARN

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**Picton, ON:** On Monday March 5th, Studio Barn Inc., a local community Makerspace, will be opening its doors to the public for its soft opening. After developing the initial idea back in June 2017 and signing a building lease in November 2017, Jay Elbourne and Courtney Black worked hard to bring this unique community service to Prince Edward County. They are happy to announce that Studio Barn will be opening for everyone to access the spaces, equipment and workshops to be creative and follow their passions. The meetup rooms, including an A/V room, are ready for people to rent and the lounge is fully stocked with hot and cold drinks. The first maker studio is a 1600 sq.ft. Woodworking shop, where they are hooking up some of the final pieces of industrial equipment and hand building the final few work benches. Another 3 studios will be completed shortly after opening, which are; Textiles, Electronics and 3D printing, with plans for ceramics, and glass studios by year end.

Getting ready for Studio Barn being open to the public, Studio Barn co-founder Jay Elbourne said, "I love creativity and everything creative that people work on. It is seriously one of the biggest things that I am excited about with Studio Barn, being able to watch all the amazing things that people will make. In my opinion we will have one of the most creative places in southern Ontario with so many disciplines and unique people working in the same facility." Studio Barn co-founder Courtney Black added about the opening, "For me it is seeing people inside Studio Barn working on whatever their hearts desire, and giving them the freedom to do so. The most rewarding thing we are providing in my eyes is being able to break down the barriers that stop people from doing what they love. We are providing a foundation for growth and the possibilities are endless."

Studio Barn is starting to build it's event lineup with these great workshops this month:

- Encaustic Painting Workshop, by: Andrew Csafordi, March 10th - 11th
- Learn to Code, by Studio Barn, March 14th start date, (3 consecutive wednesdays)
- Lego Block Building Competition (Family), March 18th
- The County Build Club, by: Andrea Buikema, March 24th
- Encaustic Painting Workshop, by: Andrew Csafordi, March 24th - 25th
- Pinewood Derby Car Race Day, March 25th

**About Studio Barn Inc.:** Studio Barn is a new local community makerspace in Picton, PEC, where people can buy a day pass or membership to access space, equipment, and workshops to work on and build their projects. Think of it like a gym but instead of workout equipment you can access tools / equipment / classes to help be creative and make amazing things.