

Summer Staycation Day fun and free admission continues at PAMA

In August, the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) has great opportunities for visitors to explore, create and connect. Free admission to PAMA continues all August.

Explore exhibitions like Peel 150: Stories of Canada, Walk the Art and wonderful hands-on permanent exhibitions. Enjoy activities the whole family will love including a whole month of Wacky Staycation Day activities.

Looking for something fun and local to do with friends, or a unique date night idea? Discover the art of yoga, learn to Knit@PAMA, join a PAMA unplugged interactive tour, participate in an aboriginal drumming circle or collaborate in a fibre art workshop.

Summer Exhibitions

Peel 150: Stories of Canada is on until Oct. 15.

Explore thousands of Peel treasures from the art, archives and museum collections, and the powerful work of artist James Simon Mishibinijima: Residential School Paintings and Seven Grandfather Teachings. This year, PAMA celebrates Peel and Canada 150.

Discover who Peel residents are as a community: past, present, and future.

Walk the Art: STEAM, in partnership with Peel District School Board, goes until Sept. 17.

This exhibition showcases the creative visions of the high school students from the Peel District School Board, and how they use the intersection of science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (STEAM) to define and redefine the possibilities of the future.

This is also the last chance to see Black Enslavement in Upper Canada and the Black Community in Peel in the Late 19th Century, on until Sept. 4.

August Programs and Events

Family fun activities run weekends from 1 to 4 p.m.

Continuing the theme of home in celebration of Peel and Canada 150, create a fabric collage inspired by your thoughts and feelings about what home and comfort mean to you.

Knit@PAMA runs Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

This gathering of beginner and experienced knitters meets once a week to create items that are all donated to charitable organizations in the Peel community. Supplies and knitting instructions are provided by PAMA.

This summer the group submitted a fantastic yarn-bombed Canada 150 chair as part of Brampton's Muskoka Chair Project, which can be found on PAMA's front lawn. Drop by and take a selfie and remember to tag @visitPAMA this summer. They also have been knitting maple leaf pins and selling them at PAMA, with proceeds going toward PAMA's learning fund. Donations provide Peel students with access to arts and culture programming at PAMA.

A Song Writing Workshop with Bayani Llagas will be tonight (Aug. 10), from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Get lyrical and unleash the song writer within. Join local musician Llagas for an evening of song writing and musical performances. Explore the elements of lyric writing and song construction. All genres welcome. The cost is \$29.75 for members, \$29.75 and \$35 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

Creative Exchange, Grant Writing, in partnership with the City of Brampton and the Ontario Arts Council, will take place Aug. 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

August's Creative Exchange networking event is meant to connect individual members of Peel's arts community and art groups or organizations with each other. The City of Brampton and PAMA invite all to join in the conversation. The Ontario Arts Council will be making a presentation on the subject of grant writing.

This is a free event, but those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to Christina Romasz at Christina.Romasz@brampton.ca

PAMA's Wacky Staycation Days are Tuesdays and Thursdays in August from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Take part in PAMA's wacky August staycation activity series. Using the collections and exhibitions as inspiration, come celebrate the fun, strange and special days of the year.

The Aug. 10 theme will be World Lion Day; Aug. 15 ? Relaxation Day; Aug. 17 ? Black Cat Appreciation Day; Aug. 22 ? National Tooth Fairy Day; Aug. 24 ? International Strange Music Day; and Aug. 29 ? More Herbs, Less Salt Day.

These are drop-in events and are included with admission. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day will be Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It will be a day full of creativity, continuing the theme of home in celebration of Peel and Canada 150.

Family Art and Yoga will run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Learn yoga movements and explore the art buffet for exploratory learning at its

best. Space is limited, arrive early.

Family Art and Stories will be from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. This program is designed to engage and inspire younger children through hands-on activities and stories.

The Family Tour will go from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Discover more! Meet in the Museum Lobby for a special family-friendly tour.

The Family Fun Activity and Colouring Room will run all day. Drop in.

Artists Open Studio

There will be an Artists Open Studio Aug. 24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Calling all artists and art lovers to come together to work in an open studio setting. Come work independently, share or collaborate in this supportive studio environment. All art forms are welcome. Participants are asked to bring their own supplies, and no solvent based materials.

Fibre Art Workshop

A Fibre Art Workshop will be Aug. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

In this fibre workshop, design individual block prints and create a unique textile pattern.

The cost is \$29.75 for members and \$35 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel Region's culture and heritage, as well as use conversation, questions and stories to help make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community. Operated by the Region of Peel, PAMA is at 9 Wellington St. E. in Brampton.

Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn more.