

April showers bring new programs to PAMA

This spring, join the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) for a fresh set of arts and culture programs for people of all ages.

Whether one is a jewelry-lover, just looking to explore their green thumb or looking for a fun activity for the whole family, PAMA's April programs are sure to inspire.

Family programs

There are drop-in family activities (for all ages) every Saturday and Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m., free with admission. Each week families can make and take home easy projects for all ages.

This coming weekend (April 13 and 14), work on a group mural. Inspired by Mars Venus and the Landscape, participants will have the chance to create a group mural on the windows of the studio facing Main Street in Brampton. The evolving mural will take on different looks as more and more families add to it.

April 20 and 21, work on Newspaper Bags. Celebrate Earth day by making your own bag using newspaper and simple folding techniques!

April 27 and 28, the theme will be Key Prints. Experiment with patterns while printmaking with locks and keys.

Thursday night public tours

Each Thursday night, one of the staff will lead a half hour tour of the buildings and exhibitions, highlighting key points, artifacts and/or pieces. All tours start at 7 p.m. and are free with admission. Meet in the art gallery lobby.

Adult programs

There will be a Bling it On! Jewelry Making Workshop April 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. The fee is \$45 and all materials are included. It's all about the bling! Inspired by PAMA's museum exhibition From Crystals to Gems, learn how to make a crystal bead necklace and bracelet. Participants may bring their own jewelry-making kit, or may opt to purchase one from the instructor (\$19.50 includes tax). The PAMA Blooms Gardening Series continues April 27 with Container Gardening: Flowers and More.

It will run from 10 a.m. to noon, and the cost is \$15.

It's time to start thinking spring and getting hands dirty. Learn the tricks and tips on how to start and maintain successful composts, container and vegetable gardens.