

Celebrate Sikh Heritage Month at PAMA during April

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) launches its newest community collaboration for April. All PAMA visitors can enjoy free general admission in April courtesy of The Sikh Foundation of Canada. Connect with neighbours this April and experience The Spirit of the Sikhs through art and history exhibitions, performances and interactive demonstrations. PAMA will host an entire month of special events and activities for the entire community to take part in.

Sikh Heritage Month Launch Event

Join PAMA for a special sneak preview of the month's events to come tonight (Thursday) from 6 to 9 p.m. Explore The Spirit of the Sikhs exhibition and meet the artists and curators. Treat your senses in the marketplace by sampling South Asian cuisine, interacting with local artists and organizations, enjoying music, watching live art demonstrations and more. Thursday evenings at PAMA are the place to be this April. There will be a variety of fantastic entertainment, from open mic night hosted by popular Punjabi artist Fateh Doe, a spoken word evening and film night profiling works by local artists. Weekends in April will be packed with family fun, discussion and exciting exploration. There is something for everyone from kids and adult yoga with Guru Fatha Singh, to family art exploration, play time and story time with the Khalsa Family Resource Centre. Don't miss this unique opportunity to participate in round table discussions, lectures and artists talks all through April and learn about Sikh heritage and culture, current community art trends, fashion and nutrition.

Rare Sikh Coin Exhibition

PAMA and the Sikh Foundation of Canada are pleased to present an exhibition of rare coins of Sikh Rulers from the 18th to 20th century April 11 from noon to 5 p.m. The exhibition describes the rich story of this very special collection of coins, which serve as milestones in the history of the Sikhs. Timed tickets will be issued at the front desk the day of the event on a first-come-first-serve basis.

All special event information for Sikh Heritage month can be found at www.ontariosikhheritagemonth.com and www.pama.peelregion.ca

Archives Awareness Week

April 7-13

Archives play an important role in preserving a community's heritage and storing valuable items that are often not available anywhere else. Get a first-hand look at some of the one-of-a-kind documents in the collection. Take behind-the-scenes tours of PAMA's Archives April 7 and 9 from noon to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. There will also be live video tours on Twitter - Follow @visitpama for more details.

Check out Our Feathered Friends. See this fantastic interactive exhibition in the museum, currently on loan from the Canadian Museum of Nature until May 31. Ask about our birds scavenger hunt and visitors can search PAMA for feathered friends and win a prize.

PAMA is also hosting a special Migratory Bird Walk with Credit Valley Conservation April 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$8 (non-members) and \$6.80 (members). This all age's event will take participants on a walk along the Etobicoke Creek observing and identifying migrating songbirds along the way.

Don't miss the last chance to see Exchange: PAMA Artists Select, on now until May 3 in the Art Gallery, showcasing works chosen by some of PAMA's talented exhibited artists. Each artist has shared the reason behind his or her choice of painting, drawing, print or sculpture and has included one of their own art works in the exhibit.

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.