

Celebrate the start of summer, as well as Peel, in June at PAMA

Step into the summer this June at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) with brand new exhibitions, programs, lectures and events.

Join PAMA to celebrate Peel Region's 40th anniversary with a free day June 7, then exercise creativity with a variety of registered programs for all interests.

The Region's 40th anniversary Levee will start at 2 p.m. Join Chair Emil Kolb and members of Regional council to celebrate the occasion and the opening of the new exhibition Touching Lives for 40 Years.

Connections: Art and Book Club will be a free program taking place June 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. PAMA and the Brampton Library are teaming up again for this. Join a librarian to discuss this season's selection: Eight Girls Taking Pictures by Whitney Otto.

Following the discussion, one of the PAMA staff will take the group on a private tour through the photography exhibition, Photography in the Time of Digital Disenchantment. To register, contact the Brampton Public Library at 905-793-4636.

New and Continuing Exhibitions

Spirit Seeds: A Celebration of First Nations Beadwork

This exhibit will run from June 14 to September, with an opening reception June 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. with a guest curator talk from Naomi Smith.

This exhibition features beautiful objects decorated with tiny glass beads, called 'spirit seeds' in some First Nation languages. This legacy is being celebrated by sharing historical and contemporary objects and the stories they tell of the artisans who created them.

Legacy: David Somers and PAMA's Works on Paper Collection

This show runs until Aug. 31. David Somers, former curator and manager of the Peel Heritage Complex (now PAMA), was instrumental in shaping the organization's outstanding collection of art and developed a Works on Paper Endowment Fund before his death. This exhibition highlights the diversity of PAMA's Works on Paper Collection and pays tribute to the late David Somers.

Photography in the Time of Digital Disenchantment

This exhibit is on until July 6. The introduction of digital photography in the 1980s created a distance from the historical tradition of the photograph as a physical object. The artists in this exhibition try to re-establish this link with an awareness of how photography has changed. Artists include Dianne Bos, Virginia Mak, Zach Nadar, Rob Canali, Elizabeth Siegfried, Brea Souders, Osheen Harruthoonyan and Sarah Anne Johnson.

Registered Programs

Adult Art Workshops

Why not try a bit of everything. Here is the chance to explore different art-making techniques each week in a relaxed and creative environment. These workshops are for all skill levels and range from still-life sketching to portraiture and anatomy. Participants will explore different media, including charcoal and conté, printmaking, pen and ink and watercolour painting. Inspiration for each week is drawn from PAMA's collection. All materials are included. It runs Mondays from June 2 to 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 for non-members and \$51 for members.

PAMA Kids P.A. Day

This will be June 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At PAMA, they encourage kids to exercise their creativity while experimenting with a variety of art materials and techniques. Children will create raw canvas paintings, learn how to create monoprints and 3D paper sculptures. Along with learning the elements of colour, line, shape and texture, children will tour of the Art Gallery to discuss and explore current exhibitions. A great way to spend a P.A. day. The cost is \$35 for non-members and \$29.75 for members.

PAMA Kids: Works on Paper

This program will run June 14 and 21, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Kids will have the opportunity to design and make their own paper and use it to create works of art. The first in a two-part workshop will take kids through the paper making process, where they will experiment with different materials, colours and objects to make the perfect base for their art. In the second workshop, kids will learn about printmaking and how to use their own handmade paper. This workshop is linked to the Art Gallery exhibition - Legacy: David Somers and PAMA's Works on Paper Collection. The cost is \$25 for non-members and \$21.25 for members.

Photography Series ? Workshop 2

Creative Photographic Compositions

The program will be June 14 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

This is a perfect follow up to the Back to Basics workshop. Take the skills learned and put them to good use as the instructor leads through composition in photography. Good composition is the key to great photographs. You will learn about light levels, depth of field, framing and more. The cost is \$25 for non-members and \$21.25 for members.

Watercolour Workshop

It will take place June 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Spend a relaxing Saturday making art. The watercolour painting workshop will lead participants through fundamental techniques, allowing them to explore their own style. All skill levels welcome. Most materials included ? participants are encouraged to check the PAMA website to find a list of suggested materials. The cost is \$40 for non-members and \$34 for members.

Drop-In Family Activities

Free with admission, PAMA's Drop-In Family Activities run Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. They are quickly becoming one of the most popular programs. These activities are fun for all ages. Each week families can make and take home different creative projects inspired by PAMA's exhibitions.

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. Throughout the year, PAMA offers a variety of workshops and programs for all ages, families and adults.

Operated by the Region of Peel, PAMA is at 9 Wellington St. E. in Brampton. Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn more.