

Contemporary conversations and colourful family fun in June at PAMA

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) offers a variety of ways to explore, interact and learn about local arts and culture in June.

Highlights include a cinema-inspired art exhibit by Canadian artist Olex Wlasenko, a National Aboriginal Day celebration June 21, and the launch of Summer Staycation Days.

Long Moments by Olex Wlasenko will run from June 14 to Sept. 27. It's a mesmerizing collection of screen-like charcoal drawings that capture cinematic moments in time. This exhibition features new work inspired by Peel's local history, as discovered by the artist in PAMA's own archives. The Opening Reception will be June 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. There will also be Synchronicities: Art and Cinema, a two-part artist talk. It will be June 21 and 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Connections Art and Book Club will meet June 18, and continue the cinematic discussion with a review of *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick. The book club discussion will be paired with a free tour of the Wlasenko's Long Moments exhibit, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Weekend Family Activities take place every Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Drop by and get creative with exciting new art projects each week.

The weekend of June 6 and 7, create a piece of art inspired by the colours and symbols in Aboriginal culture. June 13 and 14, make your own movie film strip sketch. June 20 and 21, create a magical Father's Day card. June 27 and 28, chalk-up a funky creation to celebrate the start of summer vacation.

There will be a National Aboriginal Day Celebration June 21. Inspired by PAMA's *We are Here* exhibition, visitors will learn about Canada's first peoples through a special Aboriginal storyteller and art activity. It will run from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Summer Staycation Days will run from June 29 to July 3. Take part in the Staycation series kick off with activities to celebrate Canada's birthday. Create fun and colourful projects based on artworks by prominent Canadian artists from the Group of Seven to David Morrisseau. It will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

PAMA will be closed for Canada Day July 1.

PAMA Kid's Camp, will run weekly through July. Kids aged six to 12 will be able to get creative with themed activities. Weekly sessions run Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$157.25 for members and \$185 for non-members. Register for one of the five-day camps and the family is eligible to claim the Children's Art Tax Credit.

Join the Conversation with PAMA on social media. Stump the Experts on Twitter (@visitpama) June 2: Tweet any word that represents a thing or place in Peel, however obscure, and PAMA's expert team of curators and archivists will hunt the collections to find and post a picture of a related artifact. Also check out PAMA's new Archives Blog. The latest story is *'What does an archivist think about at the end of a 30-year career?'* Visit peelarchivesblog.com to learn about Diane Allengame's *'old friends'* in the collection.

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.