

Got tattoos? PAMA wants to hear from you

Whether it was a tribute, a rite of passage, or a mistake, behind every tattoo there is a story ? what's yours?

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) wants to hear from people with tattoos. Until Sept. 13, tattoo enthusiasts in and around the Peel community can submit a photo of their tattoo or henna and share its story at pama.peelregion.ca/tattoos. Submissions may be featured in PAMA's new photography exhibition *Inked: Tattoos and the Stories They Tell*, which explores the individuality of tattoos and asks the question ? why do we ink?

PAMA will also have a special tent set up at the 14th annual Classic Cars and Legendary Stars event in Brampton July 19 from 5 to 9 p.m. and July 20 from noon to 6 p.m. Visitors to the PAMA tent can have their tattoo professionally photographed and share their story.

?Tattoos have a fascinating history and have been worn in every culture,? said Supervisor of Museum and Archive Services Marty Brent. ?They have evolved in the last few decades from a statement of rebellion to self expression, which is something that we want to explore at PAMA.?

In addition to crowd sourced tattoos from the community, the exhibition will feature information on the history and culture of tattoos throughout the ages. *Inked: Tattoos and the Stories They Tell* runs at PAMA from Nov. 16, 2013 to March 30, 2014.

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel'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 family-friendly activities and a variety of workshops and programs for all ages.

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