It promises to be a spirited October at PAMA

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) kicks off fall with a great line-up of contemporary art, family activities and unique events.

This will include World Homeless Day this Saturday (Oct. 10) and the behind-the-scenes tour, Secrets and Scandals of PAMA, Oct. 29.

There will be free admission to the World Homeless day, which will run from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

It will feature art and activities that enhance understanding of this critical community issue. A new art exhibition, Through our Eyes: Homeless in Peel, explores the lived experiences of homeless families and at-risk individuals through their art, words, video and photographs.

There will be Fall Adult Art Workshops the next two Thursday evenings (Oct. 15 and 22) from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Explore different art-making techniques in a relaxed and creative environment. Students will learn the fundamentals of composition, colour and painting techniques while being inspired by selected works from PAMA's Permanent Collection. Materials are included. Prices start at \$25 per workshop. The subjects will be watercolour painting Oct. 15, and acrylic and water-based oil painting Oct. 22. Go to the PAMA website at pama.peelregion.ca for details.

Looking for a unique drop-off program for kids ages 6 to 12? Young folks will be able to take part in PAMA Kids Museum Detectives Saturdays from Oct. 17 to Nov. 14. The sessions will run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mini detectives will start the day in the exhibit spaces, sketching and creating. From paper making, clay sculptures, felt animal guides, faux stained glass and more, it's a great way to spend a creative Saturday. The cost will be \$38.25 (for members) and \$45 (non-members).

Scandals and Secrets of PAMA will be presented Oct. 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The program will be free with admission, but pre-registration will be required. Join Museum Curator Annemarie Hagan as she guides participants through PAMA's secret and scandalous stories. This tour will expose the hidden stories of the collections. This event is designed for people 16 years of age and older.

PAMA's Halloween Party is set for Oct. 31, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Celebrate Halloween with fun activities for everyone. Create a treat bag and find goodies in a Halloween scavenger hunt, and make a Halloween shadow puppet. Come in costume for a chance to win one of three family memberships. Snap a family selfie and share it on Twitter or Instagram (tagging @visitpama) to enter.

PAMA will be closed this Monday (Oct. 12) for Thanksgiving.

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