

It's time to spring out of winter at PAMA

Usher in spring at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) with the opening of the Our Feathered Friends exhibition. While there's no guarantee that the snow will melt and the flowers will bloom, PAMA can promise that the birds will be chirping. Interactive workshops, hands-on activities and exciting events are in full-swing for all ages and interests. Take flight with Our Feathered Friends, on loan from the Canadian Museum of Nature until May 31. This family-friendly exhibition explores the diverse and fascinating flying creatures. Learn the basics of bird watching, how to identify birds, and how to attract them to the backyard. Also discover the birds, bird images and interesting stories found in the PAMA collection in the Archives. There are also the favourite works of PAMA's artists. On now until May 3, Exchange: PAMA Artists Select showcases works chosen by some of PAMA's talented exhibited artists. Each artist has shared the reason behind their choice of painting, drawing, print or sculpture and has included one of their own art works in the exhibit. Put pen to paper and explore the literary voice while drawing inspiration from PAMA's exhibitions in this workshop for young adults, aged 12 to 15. Creative Writing with Ricky Lima takes place Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 7 and 14. The cost is \$35 for non-members and \$29.75 for members. Register online at pama.peelregion.ca or by phone at 905-791-4055. Readers can unleash their inner bookworm March 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with PAMA and the Brampton Library. Connections: Art and Book Club blends the world of art with the world of literature. Register for free in advance through the Brampton Library at 905-793-4636. Visit PAMA for a week full of fun events and activities for the entire family this March break, which runs from March 16 to 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some of the exciting events include two screenings of animated short films presented by the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), meeting live feathered friends from Speaking of Wildlife and moving to the sounds of Caribbean steel drums with the Kendrum Music Academy. Free tickets will be available on a first come, first serve basis 30 minutes prior to each event. Come for drop-in family activities and tours weekends during March Break and all year round. Join the Peel Aboriginal Network Drumming Circle March 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is not required, but participation is. Get out the knitting needles and yarn for Knit@ PAMA, every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. Give the gift of warmth by creating a cozy item for those in need. All knitted items are donated to Regeneration Outreach Community in Brampton. Stop by PAMA anytime of year to explore the permanent Museum and Art Gallery exhibitions, as well as fascinating Peel records at the Archives. Visit pama.peelregion.ca for more information on PAMA's exhibitions and programs. 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.