

New museum exhibition opening at PAMA

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) playfully launched its new museum exhibition recently with a kick-off Family Workshop.

This exhibit is dedicated to toys, games and sports, from Trivial Pursuit to teddy bears. Experience delightful stories, images and artifacts of games and toys from fellow Peel residents.

Canada at Play: 100 Years of Games, Toys and Sports runs until Aug. 21.

Explore some of the traditional toys and sports enjoyed by Canadians over the past 100 years. From checkers to Connect 4 to the distinctly Canadian version of Snakes and Ladders called the Great Game of Ups and Downs ? featuring stairs to go up and toboggans to slide you down you can join in the fun and get hands-on with these games and puzzles and more.

The core of this exhibition was organized and circulated by the Royal Ontario Museum through its Travelling Exhibition Program. It has been enhanced by artifacts, activities and images from PAMA.

Here's a sample of what can be experienced in this exhibition.

? Trivial Pursuit, which has sold more than 100 million copies around the world, has a link to Peel. The creators of the game included Chris Haney, who lived in Caledon and was the founder of Devil's Pulpit and Devil's Paintbrush golf courses, and Scott Abbott, who is the owner of the North Bay Battalion, formerly the Brampton Battalion hockey team, and was inducted into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.

? A vintage homemade checker board. This checker board was made by Peter McLeod of Caledon around 1890. PAMA is happy to share an image from its archives of Peter McLeod and his friend John MacDonald playing checkers.

? Betty Odlum's Teddy Bear, circa 1925. Her teddy bear has a new home at PAMA and is on display in this exhibition. Odlum was a talented photographer and many of her images were also recently donated to the PAMA Archives.

Donations play a major role in the PAMA's ability to maintain the highest standards and to nourish meaningful lifelong learning for audiences.

Find out more ways to play at PAMA this summer at pama.peelregion.ca

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