

New portrait exhibitions now on display at PAMA

This fall, the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) is presenting an exciting new art gallery line-up, centred around portraits.

Meeting Her Majesty: Phil Richards' Official Portrait is on display until Jan. 21. Dive into the world of portraits and how they are created with Toronto artist Phil Richards. Discover sketches and related material created for the official portrait of Queen Elizabeth II for her Diamond Jubilee, commissioned by the Canadian Government in 2012.

The Kingston Prize: Canada's Portrait Competition will also run until Jan. 21. This Canada-wide competition showcases the work of 30 outstanding contemporary Canadian artists. The vision of the Prize is to develop a historical record of Canadians by Canadians. Explore the exhibition and have a say by nominating works for the People's Choice awards, to be selected in January 2018.

Through Gordon Rayner's Eyes: Portraits of Famous Artists is an exhibition that will also run to Jan. 21. Explore this exciting exhibition of innovative and often humorous paintings by renowned artist Gordon Rayner (1935-2010). Rayner carefully researched and painted portraits of famous artists he admired. His portrait subjects include Paul Gauguin, Vincent Van Gogh and Fred Varley, to name a few.

There will be a **Picture Perfect Portraits Tour** with Curator Gerrie Loveys Nov. 23, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Reflection and Remembrance

Brampton Folk Club: I Will Remember You will be Nov. 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. It will be a musical evening, backed by a changing line-up of local musicians. Experience a heart-felt acoustic concert with stories of remembrance. The event cost is included with admission.

Explore the exhibition **Come on Canada: Selections from the Melhuish Collection of World War II Posters**, on now at PAMA, as well as the **Service and Remembrance: 150 Years of the Lorne Scots Regiment** exhibition, a travelling exhibition created by PAMA and Halton Heritage Services, currently on at Benares Historic House in Mississauga.

New Fall Programs

Connections Art and Book Club at PAMA, in partnership with the Brampton Library, will meet Nov. 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There will be literature and storytelling connect in this unique book club. This month's choice is *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga with special guest Sharada Eswar, co-creator of the *Blue God and the Serpents* exhibition on now at PAMA. This is a free event. Register through the Brampton Library by calling 905-793-4636.

PAMA Kids P.A. Day Camp

Storytelling and Shadow Puppetry

This will be Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Campers will experience a special day full of creative projects all about storytelling and shadow puppetry. They will also enjoy an afternoon with local artists Sharada Eswar and Sonja Rainey. This is a drop-off program, so register at pama.peelregion.ca

A Mapping Landscapes Workshop

This workshop will be presented by the McMichael Canadian Art Collection Nov. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. Come explore the cultural tension between the geography of a place and its cultural and personal perception. This studio workshop at PAMA invites participants to investigate a notion of landscape beyond its physical boundary and to create their own landscape, inspired by personal and historical narratives using watercolour techniques. The workshop cost is included with admission, but pre-registration is required at pama.peelregion.ca

Seniors Series

Museum Outreach

Sessions take place at Four Corners branch of Brampton Public Library Nov. 14, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. PAMA Presents Museum Memories in partnership with Brampton Library, at 65 Queen St. E. Come share memories and experiences while meet other seniors in the community. November will feature the theme: Spotlight on Peel. This is a free monthly program.

Fall Crafts Workshop

Holiday Card Making will be the focus of the workshop Nov. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. Explore the use of watercolour, rice paper, metallic transfer and other materials to create unique cards for the season. Learn to use mix mediums on various surfaces to paint winter landscapes in a few easy steps and layer different papers to create dimension. Let imagination run wild. Pre-register at pama.peelregion.ca for \$15 per person (\$10 per person for members).

Don't forget year-round favourites, like **Knit@PAMA**: every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.; **PAMA Unplugged Tours** every Thursday evening; **Family Fun Activity** every Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.; **Peel Aboriginal Network (PAN) Drumming Circle** Nov.

16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Family Fun Day (Shadows) Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Queer Exposure in partnership with LAMP Community Health Centre Nov. 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel Region's culture and heritage, and to converse, question and tell 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.