

PAMA?is the March break destination for family fun

Get creative at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) this March break for a colourful variety of hands-on activities and events to inspire all ages.

From March 16 to 20, PAMA offers events for free with the cost of admission from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those who are looking for some weekend fun, should make sure not to miss the drop-in weekend activities and tours which happen year-round.

The March break activities will include Awesome Animation this coming Monday (March 16). Join TIFF at PAMA for two screenings of Creativity Unleashed. Participate in a stop motion animation demo and create a 3D animation story board. The first screening will be from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., with the demonstration from noon to 12:30 p.m. The second screening will be from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m., with demonstration from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

The theme the following day (Tuesday) will be Our Feathered Friends ? Discovery Stations. Touch and feel bird skulls, eggs, talons and real nests. Play matching games and create binoculars and bird watch at PAMA. Bring in photos of birds at backyard feeders and ask the PAMA expert questions. Don't miss the Our Feathered Friends exhibition, which is on until May 31 in the museum's temporary gallery. Credit Valley Conservation Area Discovery Stations will be there from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday will offer a chance to look into Adventures in Art.

Learn creative tips and tricks from photorealist and muralist William Lazos. Put new skills to work, pick up a brush and learn to paint with pastels to create a masterpiece. The demonstration will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday will include a chance to Meet Live Feather Friends and learn about what birds are, how to identify them, how and why feathers grow. Also don't miss the opportunity to create a feathered friend craft. There will be two sessions; from one to 1:45 p.m., and from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

Friday will feature Music, Movement and Art.

Be transported to the Caribbean by the sounds of steel drums with Kenton Wyatt and the Kendrum Music Academy. Move to the live performance, participate in an interactive workshop and use that inspiration to paint on canvas and create a masterpiece.

Performance and the interactive workshop will run from 1 to 3 p.m.

Note that space is limited for each activity. Special event tickets will be available 30 minutes prior to the programs. Tickets are given on a first come, first serve basis for programs each day.

For the first time, PAMA has teamed up with the Art Gallery of Mississauga and the Bradley Museum for Venture in Peel, a VIP art and history experience in the Region of Peel. Visit all three sites during the week, pick-up and bring along the program postcard to each location and receive a free gift at each site. Get all three stamps at each location and the family will be entered into the VIP draw to win great prizes. Visit PAMA's Facebook page to learn more.

PAMA and the Region of Peel have partnered to create The Art of Literacy, a children's art exhibit that will be on display at PAMA from March 16 to 20. Literacy is an essential skill. The more literacy is practised in daily family life, the higher the chance that child will succeed in school. Visit PAMA this March break and tour The Art of Literacy exhibit to learn about the various forms of literacy and how they can be supported at home.

Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn more about what's happening at PAMA.

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.