

Spring into action in April with new exhibits at PAMA

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) offers plenty of reasons to get out of the house this April with brand new exhibitions, programs and events.

Whether one is interested in taking in local art, getting their hands dirty with an activity or listening to beautiful music, PAMA has something for everyone.

Celebrate Archives Month April 5 by joining archivist Diane Allengame as she teaches how to identify different types of paper and photographic records, providing basic preservation strategies and tips. The program will run from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Participants are invited to bring one paper item or photo (no larger than 11 by 17 inches) for show and tell.

The Concert in Chambers series will resume April 6 from 2 to 3 p.m. with the classically-trained and versatile Paganini Strings. The quartet has performed on stages across Southwestern Ontario, including Roy Thomson Hall and the National Art Centre in Ottawa. All younger than 22, this group of young performers includes Katrina Ostapchuk, winner of the Brampton Arts Council 2013 Award for Excellence. Enjoy the sounds of Paganini Strings in the Courthouse as they play a selection of contemporary and classical pieces, including songs made popular by Elvis Presley, Josh Groban, Celine Dion, Sting and Coldplay.

Visit the PAMA April 8 from 2 to 2:45 p.m. for a sneak peek into the boxes and drawers in Archives storage. An archivist will be onsite to provide tips for how to protect and organize valuable records.

April 10, from 2 to 3 p.m., take a special tour of the Reading Room. A reference specialist will show how to access information about places, people and events in Peel's history through newspapers on microfilm, surname lists and finding aids. It will include everything needed to tackle the next research project.

Join members of the Peel Aboriginal Network April 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for a Drumming Circle. This takes place the third Thursday of every month this spring.

New art gallery exhibitions include Walk the Art from April 10 to 24. This annual exhibition provides secondary school students from the Peel District School Board the opportunity to express their ideas about social issues through art. The exhibit helps to spark dialogue around important issues surrounding the distribution of power; economically, socially, environmentally and politically. The Lecture series will resume April 20 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Join Brampton Arts Person of the year Chuck Scott to discuss the importance of collecting and art in the community. Scott is an accomplished filmmaker, fine art photographer, art consultant and writer.

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel's culture and heritage, as well as use conversation, questions and stories to help make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community. Throughout the year, PAMA offers a variety of workshops and programs for all ages, families and adults. With so many different programs to choose from, PAMA has something for everyone. Operated by the Region of Peel, PAMA is at 9 Wellington St. E. in Brampton. Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn more.