

GALLERY EVENTS

Plein Air Painting Challenge » Saturday September 21

Artists are invited to paint at the Acton Fall Fair, and the public is encouraged to watch them create while enjoying the festivities. This event is proudly presented by the Helson Gallery in partnership with the Acton Agricultural Society and Culture Days.



To participate:

Register online at haltonhills.ca/callforartists

Drawing in the Gallery

Connect with local artists and hone your figure drawing skills with these free, self-directed sessions every Wednesday afternoon from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Helson Gallery starting September 11 and running until December 18. During Culture Days on September 25, October 2 and 9 there will be a model, and the sessions will be live streamed on the Town of Halton Hills Facebook @TownofHaltonHills.

Culture Days » September 20 – October 13

Culture Days is a national celebration of arts & culture. This year, over 100 workshops, performances, self-guided activities and digital programs are being planned. Take part in free and by-donation events in Halton Hills, hosted by your local artists! Follow us on social media and join the fun by sharing your Culture Days photos and experiences with hashtags #hhlsCulture and #hhCultureDays. See events and register at haltonhills.ca/culturedays.



Lecture: Wampum Belts of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation » November 2

Join us on Saturday November 2 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. as Darin Wybenga from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation explores the historical significance and symbolism of Wampum Belts, highlighting their role in treaties and the reconciliation process. Don't miss the opportunity to learn and view the Wampum belts in person at the Helson Gallery.



Halton Hills Library & Cultural Centre

Located in the heart of Downtown Georgetown
9 Church Street, Georgetown, ON L7G 2A3
haltonhills.ca/gallery

Monday Closed
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Volunteer docents are present in the gallery daily from 1-3 p.m., subject to availability.

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ON VIEW FALL 2024



Tracey Anthony, *MMIW Matriarchy Still Here* – Mixed Media on canvas

IN THE HELSON GALLERY

Ishpendaagaabwi: Standing With Pride
September 18 – November 10



Dayle Hawkins, *United Spirits VI*, Acrylic on canvas

In partnership with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, this exhibition presents a collection of artworks that honour and celebrate their enduring resilience and culture. Each piece reflects the deep-rooted traditions, stories, and contemporary experiences of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

SPECIAL EVENT: Join Heritage Interpreter Darin Wybenga on Saturday, Nov. 2 as he discusses the history and importance of Wampum Belts. See Events section for details.

Open Water

November 13, 2024 – January 12, 2025

The 99th International Juried Exhibition, organized by the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour (CSPWC), is a prestigious event that highlights the finest in transparent watercolour art. This exhibition celebrates the creativity and skill of watercolour artists, offering them an international platform to showcase their work. In this competitive exhibition artists will be judged and awarded by a jury.



Inge Kjeldgaard Tajik, *The Earthy Traveller*, watercolour

SPECIAL EVENT: All are welcome to attend the opening reception on November 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.

IN THE SISNETT LOBBY

Halton Hills Plein Air Artists
September 16 – November 3

Explore paintings of local and regional landscapes created by the talented Halton Hills Plein Air Artists (HHPAA). Featuring works by Monica Burnside, Carol Hughes, Sheila Mitchell, Beatrice Roche, Rose Scully, and Susan Ying, this collection showcases the beauty of Halton Hills. The artists gather every Thursday from spring to late fall to paint in various parks throughout the area.



Carol Hughes, *L.M. Montgomery Garden*, watercolour

Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild
October 1 – November 3 (Upper lobby)



Sue Grant, *Streams*, rug hooking

Active in the community for over 50 years, the Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild is dedicated to celebrating and preserving the craft of rug hooking. The Guild not only showcases the artistry involved in rug hooking but also fosters a deeper appreciation for this time-honored craft through exhibitions, workshops, and collaborative projects.

Square Foot Show & Sale
November 4 – December 1 (Upper Lobby)

Come experience the creativity of local artists as they tackle the challenge of working within a 12" x 12" format in this unique exhibition. Discover a diverse range of artworks, many of which will be available for purchase. This exhibition is organized in partnership with the Credit Valley Artisans.

The Paintings of Gary Brunt
November 4 – December 1 (Lower Lobby)



Gary Brunt, *Sensucan*, Acrylic on canvas

Gary Brunt (1943 - 2019) was a Canadian artist who lived and worked in Georgetown, Ontario. He was known for his bold abstract designs and striking use of color. Brunt often incorporated "hidden" self-portraits into many of his works, adding a unique and personal touch to his art.

Annual Holiday Show & Sale: Local Artists
December 2, 2024 – February 2, 2025

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to discover the perfect gift for the upcoming holiday season! By choosing these one-of-a-kind gifts you support talented local artists and artisans.



Peter Palermo, *Winter Walk Hungry Hollow*, Acrylic

GALLERY PROGRAMS

Gallery Program for Schools

The Helson Gallery School Programs provide students with a unique opportunity to view and create art at Halton Hills' premiere public Art Gallery. Our grade differentiated programs not only directly reinforce the requirements of the Ontario Curriculum in Visual Arts, but also offer opportunities for many other Curriculum connections. Students are introduced to the elements and principles of art, and apply a critical analysis process to communicate feelings, ideas, and understandings. For more information or to book, email: kbruce@haltonhills.ca



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