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DWAC Mission

The Durham West Arts Centre exists to support, promote and present world-class, contemporary arts and culture.

Through education, presentation and partnership we will continue to develop awareness and engagement in the arts, increase our audience and membership, be sustainable and champion the intrinsic need of arts and culture to our community.

What's New?

A Message from Andrew Hamilton,
Exec. Director of the Durham West Arts Centre



From seeing the marble dust rising off a sculpture being born to smelling the turpentine in painters' studios, the first month on the job as Durham West Arts Centre's executive director has me traveling the region. I am amazed by the array of the talent in Durham West and beyond. In

fact, it is world-class. From sculptors to painters to artisans to musicians and performing artists, Durham has a highly-creative core.

Thank you for the warm welcome I've received from my colleagues, local artists and community members. The first month has been challenging and inspiring.

What seems to be coming across is an overriding energy and interest from artists and residents in embracing a broader vision for the arts community in Durham West. There is continued support for the creation of a dynamic arts centre where these talented people can congregate, interact and share with the community.

We are excited to be a part of this undertaking. To that end we are working on multiple arts projects to bring artists and the public together, as well as partnering with various other art organizations. We are also launching Durham West Art Centre's first studio tour on October 3 and 4, showcasing the works of more than 20 local, regional and international artists.

Coming Up . . .

Durham West Studio Tour
October 3rd and 4th ~ 10 am to 6 pm

Come on the tour, meet the artists and see their incredible work!

This Studio Tour is being held on the first weekend of October to capture some of Durham's finest artists and the incredible fall colours that await you in the region. Come meet the artists, watch demonstrations and interact with local, regional and international artists. You will see a wide range of art work including sculptures, paintings, photography, pottery and mixed media. The *Durham West Studio Tour* is located in picturesque Claremont, Brougham, Greenwood, Pickering, Ajax and various other locales throughout Durham West.

Durham Region seems to grow artists – so come engage and interact with these artists who are working in our midst, interpreting and creating amongst us. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Pick up a tour brochure with map included at any of the artist's studios and future locations to be announced. Visit our website for the list of artists, their locations, biographies and photographs. Information will be updated weekly.

Any questions about the studio tour can be directed to Andrew Hamilton at andrew@dwac.ca

Art in Public Spaces

Beyond the Box

Durham West Arts Centre is pleased to announce the formation of our *Beyond the Box* project.

We're bringing art to the public by showcasing art work throughout the community outside of the traditional gallery setting. Durham West Arts Centre

is embracing this modern idea not only in the community but in cyberspace. To that end, a cyber gallery will be part of our new website design coming soon.

We are actively seeking artists to participate in this project. Artists who have questions or are interested in taking part can e-mail Andrew Hamilton at andrew@dwac.ca

Call for Instructors

Durham West Arts Centre is seeking artists with teaching backgrounds or experience in all media to lead various workshops and courses throughout the region. We are looking for people to teach in public schools and high schools and in various other venues. Oil, watercolour and acrylic painters, sculptors, photographers and jewellery artists are needed.

Please contact executive director Andrew Hamilton at andrew@dwac.ca for more information.

Become a Volunteer

Durham West Arts Centre is looking for dedicated volunteers to help with numerous events because volunteers are at the heart of any great organization. We are looking for passionate and dedicated individuals, who would like to participate in fundraising, exhibitions, events, programming and administrative tasks. This is a great opportunity to become part of a dynamic arts endeavor within your community. Please contact executive director Andrew Hamilton at andrew@dwac.ca for more information

Reading and Remembrance 2009: Medals and Memories

by Project Manager Angie Littlefield

The provincial *Reading and Remembrance Project*, started by the Durham West Arts Centre in 2005, this year features ready to use materials about the bravery and dedication of those who were awarded medals.

The first two lessons on the website:

www.readingandremembrance.ca, highlight the medals and memories of First Nations and Inuit members of Canada's Armed Forces. Archived materials on the poem "In Flanders Fields", Anti-Racism and Holocaust Education, Women in War and the Art of Dissent are available year round and make interesting reading for all ages at any time of the year. The story of Ajax munitions worker Louise Johnson is part of Women and War.

During its four year history, *Reading and Remembrance* reached approximately 100,000 school children in all corners of the province. Thanks to M.P. Mark Holland, the 2009 lessons will be bilingual and hopefully will have an even greater reach into all communities. The Ontario Historical Society and the Ontario Library Association join founding sponsor Ontario Power Generation to promote the project. The Pickering Central Library and DWAC continue as partners.

Project Manager Angie Littlefield says, "We've always stressed diversity so that all young people may see themselves as part of what Remembrance Day represents, but, this year we're going even further. We're including stories of modern day army, navy and air cadets who have earned medals. We want to show that the values that our veterans protected and our service people continue to protect are important parts of every young person's character education."

Project Manager Mary Cook's online sign up form may be used by parents and community groups as well as by teachers and librarians. Everyone is welcome to participate. Mary also created a form for teachers and librarians to work with young people to research local medal recipients and submit a lesson into the broader internet community.

100 MILE FARMERS' MARKET



THURSDAYS, 3:00 - 7:00 PM
JUNE 25 - OCTOBER 8

LOCATED IN EAST PARKING LOT BEHIND PICKERING RECREATION COMPLEX, 1867 VALLEY FARM RD, PICKERING

For more information on the 100 Mile Farmers' Market, or if you'd like to become a Vendor, please visit our website at www.dwac.ca or call us at 905-492-2522

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Ongoing . . .

100 Mile Farmers' Market

Through October 8

Thursdays from 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Pickering Recreation Complex,

(east parking lot behind the arena)

1867 Valley Farm Rd., Pickering

by DWAC Foundation Proj. Mgr. Erin Michel

DWAC's 100 Mile Farmers' Market is still going strong! We run every Thursday, from 2pm – 7pm, in the parking lot located behind the Pickering Recreation Complex building, at 1867 Valley Farm Road. Our last market day for the 2009 season is Thursday, October 8. Thank you for your support so far this season as we continue to grow and develop this Farmers' Market into a great destination for Pickering!

AJAX FILM CIRCUIT

September 9

'IS ANYBODY THERE'

October 7

'EVERY LITTLE STEP'

November 4

'EMPTIES'

CINEPLEX ODEON

248 Kingston Road Ajax

STARTING AT 7.00pm

Tickets: \$7.50 at door or

\$7 if bought in advance from

the Main Library

Season Tickets Available