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**Town of Pelham offers Culture Days programming  
including expanded Indigenous workshops**

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**Pelham, ON** – Pelham residents have an opportunity to participate in free Culture Days experiences and workshops during the national event.

The first experience will be on Friday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. The workshop, which requires advance registration, will be led by local artist Bev Sneath. Participants will create their "Beach Soul" inspired painting, and all materials and supplies are provided.

During the week of September 25 to September 30, 2023, experiences that align with the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation will also be offered. Throughout the week, residents can visit the self-guided StoryWalk® of "Phyllis's Orange Shirt" in Peace Park. Additional events include a flag raising on September 29 at 9:00 a.m., followed by the interactive Moccasin Identifier Project with the Lincoln Pelham Public Library. The Meridian Community Centre will also have drop-in programs, including a drumming workshop, a reconciliation seminar, and an Indigenous tea tasting with a book talk.

Throughout Culture Days, the Meridian Community Centre will host an art exhibit featuring Indigenous artists. The displays, provided by Hamiltons of Pelham, will be in the atrium of the building and open to the public. The artists showcased provided a variety of mediums, including paintings, sculpture and decorative art.

The Welland Museum will be setting up a historical display at the Meridian Community Centre, which will be displayed from September 22 until mid-October. The collection is a self-guided experience showing historical artifacts and stories featuring Pelham Historical elements.

"Culture Days is an opportunity for residents of all ages to learn and engage with memorable experiences", said Town of Pelham Culture and Community Enhancement Programmer, Lauren Phillips.

Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture. During Culture Days, millions attend thousands of free participatory arts and culture events nationwide. Culture Days programs invite the public to get hands-on and behind-the-scenes to highlight the importance of arts and culture in their communities.

For more information, visit [www.pelham.ca/culturedays](http://www.pelham.ca/culturedays)

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