Press Release



Celebrating Culture Days in Pelham

Join Pelham as we celebrate <u>Culture Days</u> – the largest-ever Canada-wide public participation campaign undertaken by the arts and cultural community.

From Friday, September 30th until Sunday, October 2nd, 2016, get to know your local artist, cultural workers, organizations and groups by participating in free, hands-on activities at the <u>Pelham Public</u> <u>Library</u>.

"The Town of Pelham is excited to participate in Culture Days this Fall," said Recreation, Culture and Wellness Director, Vickie vanRavenswaay. "We invite our local artists to share artistic and cultural experiences with our residents and thank the Pelham Public Library for providing the space to accommodate the activities."

Some of the activities include:

Friday September 30th

• Yarn Gathering, from 1:00pm until 4:00pm

Attention yarn lovers and potential yarn lovers. This is your opportunity to try out knitting, crocheting and other fibre-related hobbies. There will be one-on-one help for beginners or bring your problem project to the yarn clinic. Spinning demonstrations, try a weaving or knitting loom or making your own yarn. There may even be a weaver, cranker, dyer or hooker in the house. PG fun for all ages. Handcrafted items will be available for purchase. Refreshments.

Saturday October 1st

- Cabar EH Youth Theatre from 10:00am until 11:00am
 This is a 1-hour Musical Theatre Program where we will act, sing, play games and introduce your child to Musical Theatre. Imagine, learn explore and have fun! Ages 6-12.
- Celebration of Visual Arts from 1:00pm until 4:00pm Local artists including members of the Pelham Art Association will fill the Festival Room with a visual feast of colour, form, line, shape, space, texture, and value. Try your hand at pen and ink drawing, watercolour painting and making paper. Watch a metal art demonstration. Featured artists include: Mary Powley, Ruth Pallek, Catherine Brassard, Greta Hildebrand and Sarah Puckett. Items available for purchase.
- Quilting from 4:30pm until 5:30pm. Learn how to cut, sew and quilt a small coaster.

Call for Activities

The Town of Pelham and the Pelham Public Library currently have an open call for all artists, groups, and arts and cultural organizations of all types and disciplines to offer free, participatory and interactive arts and cultural activities during Culture Days. Amateurs and professionals welcome.

How to Participate

In order to be eligible to participate as an activity organizer, the following guidelines must be met:

- 1. The activity must be free to the public and take during Pelham Culture Days (September 30th until October 2nd, 2016).
- 2. The activity is participatory and invites the public to go beyond a typical audience experience.
- 3. The activity must be registered with the Town of Pelham by Friday, September 16, 2016. Please complete application form at <u>pelham.ca/culture-days</u>.

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