

Pelham Art Festival

The power of art



PRESS RELEASE

The 31st annual Pelham Art Festival will be held May 12, 13 and 14, 2017 at the Pelham Arena, 1120 Haist Street, Fonthill ON.

A Mother's Day weekend tradition, the Pelham Art Festival features 75 juried fine artists and artisans exhibiting original artworks in oil, acrylic, encaustic, pastel, watercolour, mixed media, photography, pottery, ceramics, segmented and turned wood, glass and jewelry. There is something for every taste and every budget.

To celebrate **Canada 150**, 28 participating artists will showcase original works inspired by Canadian artists and themes.

The Pelham Art Festival encourages visitors to view the art, meet the new and returning artists, sample local treats and wines and enjoy the live music. Children are invited to participate in the scavenger hunt and add to the art graffiti wall.

Proceeds of the Pelham Art Festival benefit the Town of Pelham Libraries, provide art scholarships to local students and support community arts projects. To date, the Pelham Art Festival has donated more than \$425,000 to the libraries alone.

Full details available at: www.pelhamartfestival.com

Event Schedule: Mother's Day Weekend, May 12, 13 and 14, 2017

May 12th: Opening Night – Friday 7pm to 10pm

Opening Night gives visitors the first opportunity to admire and purchase favourite pieces of artwork from the professional artists selected to participate in the art festival show and sale. Listen to the live music of the Juliet Dunn Trio, sample complimentary hors d'oeuvres catered and served by Welland's Rose City Kids and enjoy a glass of Niagara wine from the Wine Garden.

May 13th: Saturday, 11am to 5pm

Stroll through aisles of delightful original works of art and search for that special piece of art. Pause to enjoy a treat from the *a la carte* menu at our *Salvador Deli*, catered by Churchhill Natural Meats and Nature's Corner Bakery and Café. Relax as you listen to the live music of John Sherwood on piano. Challenge your children to complete the art scavenger hunt or add their own unique art to the art graffiti wall.

May 14th, Mother's Day: Sunday, 11am to 5pm

Mother's Day is the perfect day to invite someone special to the Pelham Art Festival and to select the perfect piece of art for her! Treat her to the Mother's Day brunch at our own *Salvador Deli* catered by Churchhill Natural Meats and Nature's Corner Bakery and Café. The Wine Garden is open and Fernan Enriquez on pan flute is back by popular demand! Activities for children include the art scavenger hunt and the art graffiti wall.

Admission and Ticket Information:

Tickets available at the door.

Free admission for children age 12 and under.

Friday, May 12, 7pm to 10pm, \$10 per person which includes entry to the art show and sale and complimentary hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, May 13: 11am to 5pm, \$5 per person

Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day: 11am to 5pm, \$5 per person

Sunday Brunch tickets: \$20 in advance or \$25 on Sunday at the festival

Advance purchase tickets are available:

- Online at www.pelhamartfestival.com using Pay Pal and your credit card
- In person from Pelham Art Festival Committee members
- In person at the Pelham Art Festival on Friday and Saturday
- In person at Churchhill Natural Meats
- In person at the Pelham Public Library
- Online on the Pelham library website at www.pelhamlibrary.on.ca

Advance purchase tickets are available until May 13 and may be picked up at the door.

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