

SEPTEMBER IS THOMSON MONTH AT THE DURHAM WEST ARTS CENTRE

What the Thomsons Read: Readings from books owned by Tom Thomson's family takes place Sept. 10, 12:30 to 1:30 at the Durham West Arts Centre. Writers Circle of Durham Region members Lucy Brennan and Ruth E. Walker join DWAC's Angie Littlefield and Gary Faulkner to read short selections from Thomson family favourites including Byron, Dickens, Sir Walter Scott and Robbie Burns. Step back in time and imagine yourself at the Thomson hearth listening to the poems and tales that fed the imagination of this very talented family. The public may handle some of the books the Thomsons gave one another as gifts. Also on in Pickering Village that day is the Pickering Village Fall Festival. Come to listen and stay to play.

Be sure to visit the astounding exhibition of Thomson family art works and memorabilia, including three original Tom Thomson art works, at the Durham West Arts Centre. Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. the exhibition closes. Closing ceremonies feature noted musicologist, historian and performer, Ian Bell. Mr. Bell enhances his lecture, "Music in

the Thomson Home", with several musical instruments. Cost of admission Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. at DWAC is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-DWAC members.

The Pickering Township Historical Society and DWAC partner on The Thomsons of Durham Bus Tour leaving DWAC at 72B Old Kingston Road, Ajax, at 9 p.m. on Sept. 29th. Experience the autumn rolling hills, stone houses, and stories of Thomson pioneer days in Pickering Township followed by tea and treats on the DWAC terrace. \$40 for DWAC members and \$50 for non-members.

Contact the Durham West Arts Centre at 905-686-7697, visit the website at www.dwac.ca or contact info@dwac.ca for information or to book.



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Membership Fees:

Individual	\$ 20.00
Family	\$ 25.00
Student / Senior	\$ 15.00

THE DURHAM WEST ARTS CENTRE



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UPCOMING

September 10
What the Thomsons Read
at the Centre between 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

September 22
Closing ceremonies for The Thomsons of Durham exhibition
with musicologist Ian Bell at 7pm

September 24
Music and Dance of the World
from 2-7 p.m.

September 29
The Thomsons of Durham Bus Tour
Leaving DWAC at 9 a.m.

October 3
The Second Annual Juried Photography Show opens

October 13
The 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Durham West Arts Centre

October 20-22
The G7 Roadshow: Art and Public Culture 1920-2005

November 11
Reading and Remembrance: a provincial project
at 2:11pm

November 30
Artists from the Art-to-Go program pick up their unsold works
at 5 pm

DEAR MEMBER,

IT'S TIME TO THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR TO ASK YOU TO DO SO. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE TREMENDOUS RANGE OF PROGRAMS THAT LIE AHEAD. EACH DWAC MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS ARTS PROGRAMS AND ENDORSES A PERMANENT ARTS CENTRE FOR WEST DURHAM. YOUR MEMBERSHIP SPEAKS OUT FOR THE ARTS!

Off the Hinges Silent Auction October 1st

There will be a silent auction of the doors from the "Off the Hinges" Project at the opening of the new Ajax Civic Square on Saturday Oct. 1st. There will be over 20 doors available for bidding. Proceeds from the sale of these fantastic works will go to the PineRidge Arts Council and the Durham West Arts Centre.

2nd Annual Photographic Exhibition October 3-31, 2005

The call has gone out to photographers with a Sept. 15, 2005 deadline to participate in the very popular photography show of the Durham West Arts Centre. There are five categories for juror Dorsey James to consider with prizes of \$100 for the top photo in each of these categories: People at Work or Play, Still Life, Landscapes, Animals, Natural Wonders. The show runs from October 3rd to 31st. DWAC members at 5 pm pay reduced entry fees. Contact April

Polak at 905-686-7697 on Tues., Wed., or Thurs. afternoons for more details.

A Profile of Durham: The Durham West Arts Centre Community Exhibition November 7 to December 6th.

If you're a member of the Durham West Arts Centre the call has gone out for you to participate in the second community show hosted by the Centre. Curator April Polak will be pleased to discuss the format of your submissions. The show provides a great opportunity to showcase works for diligent pre-Christmas shoppers. Membership forms are available at the Centre or may be downloaded and mailed from www.dwac.ca

Reading and Remembrance: A provincial project Nov. 11, 2005

To honour Canadian veterans in 2005, The Year of the Veteran, and to highlight the importance of reading, the

Durham West Arts Centre is organizing the reading of Canadian poet John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" with school children across the province. The goal is to have as many school children as possible read on November 11th at 2:11 p.m. Participating schools will receive pre- and post-reading activities by signing up with the Durham West Arts Centre. A poster and flyers, with sign up forms, will be in elementary and secondary schools for September 2005. School sign up forms will be available at www.dwac.ca

2004-2005 Arts to Go Show Closing Ceremonies November 30th

The 30+ artists, 10 host sites and their employees, clients, customers and patrons are invited to a reception at the Durham West Arts Centre starting at 5 p.m. on Wed. Nov. 30th. This is your opportunity to meet the artists who created the works that pleased your employees, customers and patrons as they traveled through ten venues over the period of a year. It is the time to 'make a deal' with the artists if you'd like to bring that work that you loved home for the holidays. You will also meet the volunteers who worked very hard to move the works around. Locations interested in being host sites for the 2005-2006 Arts to Go Show may register that evening or contact the Centre for a Venue Form.

The Thomsons of Durham Continues to Sept. 23rd

Don't miss out on the historical and informative exhibition at the Durham West Arts Centre featuring three original works by Tom Thomson which he painted in Durham Region. Visitors from across Ontario and from other provinces have raved about the exhibition. "Informative and appreciated," indicated visitors from Edmonton. Still coming due to re-scheduling are: "An Evening with What the Thomsons Read" on September 10th, and the Bus Tour of places significant in the Thomson story on September 29th.

Youth Arts Council will Re-start in September

Students from the secondary schools in Durham who are interested in sitting on the Youth Arts Council should contact their school's art department or call the Durham West Arts Centre at 905-686-7697. An exhibition of youth art is scheduled for December 12 to January 12th. There will be another "Enviromonsters" competition organized for Earth

Week 2006 and youth will have opportunities to discuss other arts projects of their own devising. Being part of the Youth Arts Council is a great way to publicize your school's arts activities. There are also opportunities for Volunteer Hours. Get involved! Be a liaison person for your school.

Thomsons of Durham: Tom Thomson's Family Heritage Book Sales Top 200

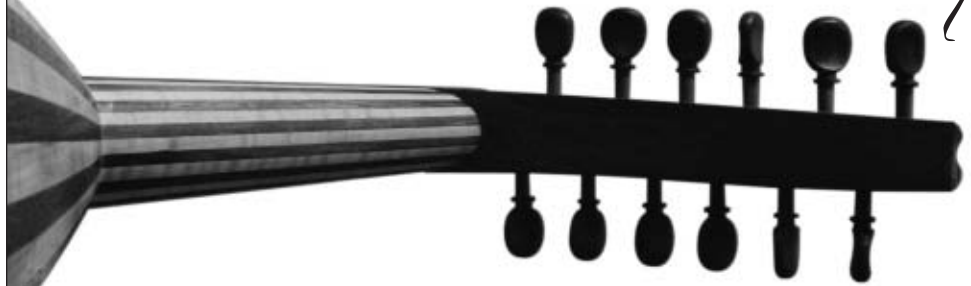
The Durham West Arts Centre's first publication is available to purchase at the Centre, at Chapters in Ajax, in the gift shops of the National Gallery in Ottawa, the Pickering Museum Village, Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Glenhyrst Gallery in Brantford, Gallery Stratford, the Belleville Public Library, University of Toronto Art Centre, Tom Thomson Memorial Gallery in Owen Sound and the WKP Kennedy Art Centre in North Bay. You may borrow a copy through the Pickering Public Library system. Author Angie Littlefield provides free book talks to interested service clubs, school groups or libraries. She's spoken to the Rotary Club of Pickering, at Bellwood P.S. in Whitby, the Belleville Public Library and is set to speak at the Ajax Public Library, Hamilton Art Gallery, McLaughlin Art Gallery, Pickering High School and the W.K.P. Kennedy Gallery in North Bay. The talks deal with the Rebellion of 1837, pioneers in Pickering Township, the Group of Seven, Tom Thomson's family, fishing and family values. Call the Centre to book your free book talk. 905-686-7697



Tom Thomson is seen anew through his pioneer family who settle in Durham during the 1837 Rebellion. Tales of the first provincial biologist, the Civil War uncle and the brother who left business for art, shed new light on Tom's formative influences.

Mail orders welcome. Download your order form at www.dwac.ca or purchase the book at the Durham West Arts Centre, 72B Old Kingston Road, Ajax L1T 2Z8.

\$20 inclusive.



The Music and Dance of the World

The Cultural Connection Committee of the Durham West Arts Centre invites you, your family and friends to *The Music and Dance of the World* to enjoy an Eastern dance and music program.

September 24, 2005
2:00pm-7:00pm

MUSIC AND DANCE OF THE WORLD - A CULTURAL CELEBRATION

THE VISION OF THE DURHAM WEST ARTS CENTRE IS TO PROVIDE A HOME FOR ALL THE ARTS IN DURHAM REGION—A UNIQUE BUILDING IN A NATURAL SETTING. AS WELL AS ADVOCATING FOR THE ARTS, THE CENTRE WILL BE A PLACE TO EXHIBIT, PERFORM, PRACTICE, TEACH AND LEARN. IT WILL BRING THE ARTS OF THE WORLD TO DURHAM AND THE ARTS OF DURHAM TO THE WORLD

The Durham West Arts Centre will contribute to the life of the community through encouraging and developing creativity as a way of seeing and thinking. It will be an inclusive and welcoming destination that promotes cultural exchange and understanding. The Centre will reflect who we are as a society and provide opportunities for personal expression for all ages.

Since the pilot project started April 2004, there have been exhibitions, readings, CD and book launches, musical events, lectures, a Readathon, community events, a website, newsletter and even a book. We've represented local artists and those from outside the region always with an eye to encouraging diversity in representation of ages, cultures and media. We've also partnered with the Art Gallery of Ontario, Durham District School Board, University of Ontario, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Carnival in the Village Group. In 16 months we've had direct contact with over 25,000 people and thousands more through our media outreach. DWAC has launched a provincial project Reading and

Remembrance to honour veterans in the Year of the Veteran on Nov. 11th at 2:11 p.m.

The Cultural Connections Committee of the Durham West Arts Centre represents part of our goal to promote cultural exchange and understanding. We hope that Music and Dance of the World will draw the community together through the arts. On Saturday Sept. 24th there will be five hours of free entertainment between 2-7 p.m. on Linton Street beside the Centre at 72B Old Kingston Road in Ajax. The entertainment includes: Bhangra, Tabla, Dandia Dance, Hannan's Belly Dance, Afghani singer Wahid Saberi and Afghani ATU dance, Indian singer Rashmi Anand and Indian dancer Reena Bhatia, the Mosaic Arabian Folklore Ensemble and Pakistani singer Naomi Zaman among others. There will also be a special appearance by the reigning Miss Canada Pakistan 2005, Noureen Karmali. The Centre's terrace will host light refreshments, henna painting and crafts. Everyone is welcome to join us in the celebration of arts and entertainment. Sept. 24th in Ajax.