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A scene from the 2022 Easter Egg Hunt in Victoria Park. The Easter Egg Hunt returns on Saturday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m. Bring your baskets!

2023 Events Season Preview

The City of Woodstock's 2023 event season kicks off on April 8 at 10:30 a.m. with our Easter Egg Hunt. Children are invited to bring their baskets and hunt for eggs in Victoria Park. An Easter Egg Hunt wouldn't be complete without the Easter Bunny, who will be joined by other special guests. You'll also be able to meet some furry friends at the petting zoo and enjoy a magic show, which are a few of many new additions to this year's event.

"We are really looking to ensure there is something for everyone to enjoy at our special events," said Kristen Brodhagen, the City's Manager of Special Events. "Festivals and events contribute to the vibrancy of a community and give people a reason to come together and make lasting memories with family and friends. It is very rewarding to take part in making these opportunities possible for our residents."

Save the date!

Planning for our 2023 events is well underway and it's shaping up to be a great year for events in Woodstock. Make sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

Victoria Day Midway

Southside Park

Thursday, May 18 – Monday, May 22

Victoria Day Weekend Parade

Leaving from Woodstock Fairgrounds and ending in Southside Park

Monday, May 22 from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Cultural Canvas (Formally Art in the Park)

Museum Square

Saturday, June 10 from 2 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Music in the Square

Museum Square

June 15, 22, 29 and July 6, 13, 20

Canada Day

Southside Park

Saturday, July 1 from 2 p.m. – 10 p.m.



An evening performance at the Streetfest stage in Museum Square.

Streetfest

Downtown Woodstock

Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22

Cowapolooza

Southside Park

Friday, Aug. 18 and Saturday, Aug. 19



Busy line-ups for the food trucks at Cowapolooza 2022.

Remembrance Day

Victoria Park

Saturday, Nov. 11 starting at 10:15 a.m.

Lighting of Museum Square

Museum Square

Friday, Nov. 17 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Santa Claus Parade

Leaving from Woodstock Fairgrounds and ending in Victoria Park

Saturday, Nov. 18 starting at 6 p.m.

Decoration Exchange

Saturday, Nov. 25 from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

CP Holiday Train

Date to be announced Fall 2023

Be part of the fun

These events wouldn't be possible without the support of volunteers, partners and sponsors. Visit our website for information or to apply online to volunteer, become a vendor or sponsor any of these great events.

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For any program, we are only as successful as our coaches, which the WMFA can boast and then some. With a mixture of playing experience at both the professional and University level, we also have returning former graduates to assist in the development of our players.



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PRACTICES

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GAMES

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Connect with Nature this Spring

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You can also do your part to help beautify and maintain our environment.

Spring clean-up

Each spring, City staff organize a spring clean-up to help tidy up our community after a long winter. Whether you come alone or bring some family or friends, everyone is welcome to join us on Earth Day, April 22 from 8 a.m. to noon and help pick up litter from some key locations around the city. If you'd like to participate, meet at the Parks Department office at 192 Old Wellington St. S for a quick safety briefing. Woodstock Transit has provided a bus to take people to the clean up locations. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and closed toe shoes. We'll supply the bags, safety vests and gloves. A free BBQ lunch will also be provided for volunteers after the clean-up.

"It's wonderful to watch families connect with each other while being part of something that allows them to give back to the community," said Reta Horan, Supervisor of Parks and Forestry for

the City of Woodstock. "I love hosting this event because you get a real sense of the care people have for the place they call home."

Tree planting

Another event coming up in April is our annual Arbour Day tree planting. The event takes place April 29 starting at 8:30 a.m. Come on out and help plant new trees off Tamarak Boulevard, at the top of Burgess Park.

Make sure you're wearing weather appropriate clothing and boots or shoes that can handle a little mud. Participants are also asked to bring a shovel, a bucket to help carry mulch and gardening gloves if possible, however the City will have some supplies available for those who can't bring their own.

"Tree planting is another rewarding event to be part of," said Chris Kern, the City's other Supervisor of Parks and Forestry. "The connections kids make when planting trees is like no other. They are literally putting down roots in our community. I've seen kids name the trees they plant and come back to visit them year after year."


Trees are a living asset for the city and offer tremendous benefits that grow over time. Trees are also essential in combating climate change. The tree canopy helps reduce erosion by slowing falling rain and their root systems help water absorb into the ground. Trees additionally absorb and store greenhouse gasses and will help keep our cities cooler.

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Savrup Saran researched Sikh heritage during a high school co-op placement at the Woodstock Museum.

Sikh heritage comes alive in Woodstock

Over the last decade, Woodstock has seen a surge of people from diverse cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds as the city's population has grown.

According to the 2021 census, nearly 7 per cent of Woodstock's population identifies as South Asian. Today over 3,000 South Asian people call the Friendly City home, compared to less than 400 in 2016. Punjabi is spoken in 1,375 households, while more than 1,700 households practice the Sikh faith.

Woodstock Museum NHS curator Karen Houston said the museum wanted to connect with these growing communities through a new exhibit on Sikh heritage.

Organized by the Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada, *Sikhs in Canada* is a timeline exhibit that traces 200 years of history. The exhibit is on display at the Woodstock Museum until April 29, 2023.

"We know the demographics of Woodstock are changing in the present and will affect the future, but it's important to remember this story of migration and change is much, much older," said Houston, who is also the Manager of Culture for the City of Woodstock. "As a museum we need to tell many different stories, but remember they are Canadian stories and part of our history."

Sikhism is a religion founded in the Punjab region of India in the 15th century by Guru Nanak.

In 2013, the Ontario government proclaimed April as Sikh Heritage Month. April is when the Sikh community celebrates Vaisakhi, a spring festival that also marks important events in the religion's history.

Savrup Saran was a high school co-op student at the Woodstock Museum last year and had the opportunity to research Sikh heritage in connection with the exhibit during her placement.

"To see the Sikh community represented through the Museum was nice and then connecting that with my own life was really cool," she said. "I know a lot about Sikh heritage in general from my parents, but not as much about Canadian Sikh history, so it was really interesting to learn more about that."

Saran was also invited to research her own family for a presentation to the Oxford Historical Society on March 29 at the Museum.

"I wanted to focus on that common immigrant Sikh story. There's so much heritage and so many stories," she said. "Sikh heritage is different for each family, but in my family, it goes back so far and in so many different locations from India to Fiji to Canada, and that same heritage lives through me and my brother today."



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Celebrating the Thames River and Earth Day!

Take a break from the entrapments of our hectic world in the months ahead. Are you familiar with the Thames River in Woodstock? So many opportunities await... a leisurely afternoon of fishing, kayaking or canoeing, or a weekend of camping at Pittock Conservation Area, which might be the perfect staycation for local residents! Catch a glimpse of an Osprey, Bald Eagle or one of many other species as you turn your gaze to the skies. Soak in (pardon the pun) the picturesque surroundings and wildlife activity as you relax on the banks of the Thames River; you will be sure to capture the perfect photo or video to mark your visit. Enjoy a picnic with family or friends, or take a hike, jog or bike ride on the nearby trails, at which time you will be sure to encounter fellow nature enthusiasts.

The banks of the Thames and its sprawling parkland hosts many community events, such as the Children's Water Festival and the Woodstock Dragonboat Festival.

There are endless opportunities to enjoy all our natural environment has to offer. Yet we must challenge ourselves to respect our natural world as we interact with it. Issues of littering, as well as landscape and habitat degradation place added strain on these systems. To better protect and appreciate our waterways, the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS) program was founded. Since 1984, 41 rivers have achieved this unique and important designation, including the Thames River. The designation process involved the collaboration and coordination of many community stakeholders across the 273-kilometre length of the Thames River. The ultimate goal is to honour, maintain

and preserve the river's natural, recreational and cultural features through continued community involvement and environmental stewardship initiatives.

This year's cleanup falls on Earth Day, April 22. Earth Day was first held in 1970 and has grown to include the participation of over 190 countries. Key objectives include conservation activities, raising awareness about climate change, and encouraging volunteerism and personal stewardship for the good of our communities and the planet. Both the cleanup and Earth Day can boast some resounding success stories!

Woodstock has been involved with the Thames River Cleanup since 2000, with various organizations, schools, groups, families and individuals pitching in! The event is not limited to cleaning our waterways, riverbanks and adjacent trail systems; it is a chance to embrace our natural surroundings and enjoy the company of others who share a common vision, that of a caring and responsible community. It is our hope that you will want to join us in planning for and participating in this opportunity to celebrate both the Thames River and Earth Day. For more information, relevant website links are included with this article. Please contact Cathy at life-in-balance@hotmail.com to express interest in Woodstock's river cleanup.

Links

Canadian Heritage River System: <https://chrs.ca/en>
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C.O.W. TALES

CoW Tales is a regular feature in *What's On Woodstock* designed to celebrate the City of Woodstock's rich history. Thanks to the contributions of the Woodstock Museum NHS, the Heritage Advisory Committee, and the Oxford Historical Society, CoW Tales shares stories that help us understand and connect with our past as our community continues to grow and evolve. This issue includes some recent acquisitions to the Museum's collection.



A Woodstock Wren

Mary Helen McClelland was part of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service. The WRCNS was established in 1942 in the midst of the Second World War and members were known as Wrens, a name adopted from the British Women's Royal Navy Service. Wrens took on a wide range of jobs including cook, steward, stenographer, telephone switchboard operator, motor transport driver, coder and more. Basic training was completed at HMCS Conestoga in Galt, Ontario. Mary Helen McClelland also trained as a coder at the Signal School at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. She was stationed at Sydney, Nova Scotia, for one year and was posted to St. John's, Newfoundland, an overseas location since it was not yet part of Canada. By the end of the war, more than 6,000 women had served and the WRCNS was officially disbanded in August 1946.



Bringing home the dough

Did you know bakeries used to sell tokens that could be exchanged for loaves of bread? Some bakeries like R.H. Harrison Bakery in Woodstock sold the tokens, often at a discount, as a way to encourage customers and secure payment in advance or in part payment to suppliers. Tokens could be redeemed for one loaf or two loaves. There was also a half loaf denomination because loaves were often baked in a shape that could be easily split in half before the advent of sliced bread in the 1930s. R.H. Harrison Bakery operated in Woodstock from 1903 to 1932. In 1954 it was renamed Harrison's Bake Shop and continued to operate for another 10 years.



Nurturing nurses

Woodstock has a long history of training nurses, beginning in 1895 when the old Woodstock Hospital opened on a hill between Riddell and Wellington streets. A nurses' residence called Patterson House was built in 1914 and the first formal class of students was accepted in 1930. Classroom teaching was done on the first floor of the west wing and was later moved to the basement of Gissing House, an additional nurses' residence. In 1962 the Ethel M. Finkle building was opened to house the new School of Nursing, built to accommodate 25 to 30 students each year with up-to-date facilities. A new residence named Vance House was opened in 1968. The nursing school continued until 1974, when the Woodstock campus of Fanshawe College opened its own school of nursing.



From department store to art gallery

Lieutenant Colonel John White emigrated from Scotland in 1860 and opened a dry goods store with his brother George at the corner of Dundas and Riddell streets. The John White & Co. store expanded following George's retirement, eventually spanning three buildings from 445 to 449 Dundas St. The business incorporated in 1904 and became the John White Co. Ltd. With major renovations in 1913, the three buildings were joined to become a single modern department store, complete with an elevator and pneumatic tube system. It was also the first business in Woodstock to have electric lighting. After 100 years in operation, the store was sold to Walkers in 1961. The building was given a new life when it purchased by the City of Woodstock in 2009 and became the new home of the Woodstock Art Gallery, which opened its doors following construction on July 19, 2011.

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE ANSWER to the March 'Way Back When' Contest question is 'Len Calder was the 1948 Oxford County Clerk and Treasurer who sat on the Museum Board.' Because there were no correct answers submitted, we'll pick two winners for April for a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and the winners will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in November.

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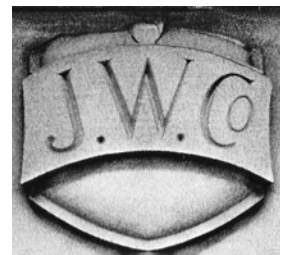


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Enter the Way Back When contest for a chance to win! Answer the last question below in bold. If your answer is correct, your name will be entered into the draw. The winner's name will appear in the next edition of What's On Woodstock. This month we are featuring a new photo question provided by the Heritage Advisory Committee. Additional questions have been selected from the book, **Quizzical History**, published by the Oxford Historical Society and Woodstock Museum NHS.

- Q.** Which former Woodstock business made Good Cheer stoves? (See pg. 22)
- Q.** Which world-famous statue was erected in Woodstock in 1937? (See pg. 10)
- Q.** In what sport did June Bell of Woodstock win a national championship during the 1970s? (See pg. 19)
- Q.** Which Woodstock lawyer became vice president of the UN General Assembly during the Diefenbaker era? (See pg. 3)
- Q.** On which historic downtown building can you find this hidden architectural detail?



Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Friday, April 14, 2023. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.



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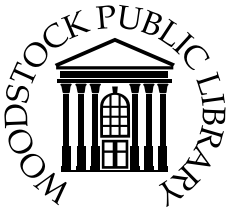
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Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs and other activities.	Wednesdays March 29 – May 17	11:15–11:45 a.m.
		Thursdays March 30 – May 18	10:15–10:45 a.m.
Sign Me Up, Baby (birth – 18 months)	Stories and rhymes featuring ASL signs! Learn basic baby signs while enjoying stories and rhymes. No registration required.	Wednesdays March 29 – May 17	2:30–3:00 p.m.
Babytime (birth – 12 months)	Introducing caregivers and babies to a lifelong love of books with songs, rhymes, and stories. No registration required.	Thursdays March 30 – May 18	11:00–11:30 a.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays March 31 – May 19 <i>No session April 7</i>	11:15–12:00 p.m.
Family Storytime (family)	An interactive storytime with your family! No registration required.	Saturdays April 1 – May 20	10:30–11:30 a.m.
Walking Wonders (birth – 12 months)	A stroller walk ending with stories and rhymes at a nearby park. Weather cancellations will be announced on our website and social media at 9:30 a.m. the morning of. No registration required.	Fridays April 14 – May 26	10:15–11:00 a.m.

Programs for Children



I Spy: Out in the Garden (Family) Month of April

Drop by the library and check out the display case in the Children's Department. Test your skills with our monthly *I Spy* quizzes and win great prizes!

Tech Petting Zoo (Family) Saturday, April 8 – 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Drop in and test drive some of the library's cool robots and technology! No registration required.

Game Club (Family) Saturday, April 15 – 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of fun games. Play board games, bingo, video games, or check out our giant games! Drop in. No registration required.

Programs for Teens

Brightside Pizza Pop-Up (12–25 years) Monday, April 3 – 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Drop in to enjoy pizza and games with Brightside. Brightside Youth Hub is a Woodstock-based group dedicated to helping youth get access to the services they need at no cost. No registration required.

Fandom Jeopardy (12–17 years) Tuesday, April 25 – 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Test out your knowledge on various fandoms in our epic Jeopardy Trivia night! Prizes to be won! Snacks and drinks provided. No registration required.

Hosted by our own Teen Advisory Group.

PA Day Movie (13+ years) Friday, April 28 – 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Take a mid-semester break! Movie will be announced on social media closer to showtime, stay tuned! Popcorn provided. No registration required.



Programs for Adults

Creative Hour

Tuesday, April 4 – 10:15–11:30 a.m.

Enjoy a crafting project together. Brighten your day and keep your creative imagination flowing! No registration required.

Travelogues: Hawaii

Thursday, April 6 – 7:00–8:00 p.m.

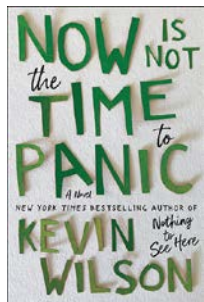
Shari and Janet will guide us to Hawaii and its beautiful white sandy beaches, turtle sanctuary, and majestic landscapes. No registration required.

Book Club

2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

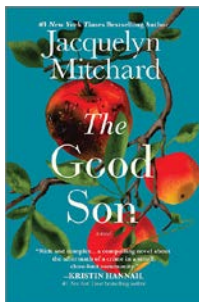
Begin each month with a good read! Join us in the program room for a lively discussion on the title selected for each month. Open to all. No registration required.



April 11, 13



May 9, 11



June 8, 13

Pub Trivia

Wednesday, April 19 – 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Join us at Upper Thames Brewing Company the third Wednesday of each month for Pub Trivia, where you and your teammates can test your smarts against other beer enthusiasts. Upper Thames Brewing Co. will sell the drinks and WPL will provide the questions.



Writers' Group (15+ years)

Wednesday, April 26 – 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Active and aspiring writers of all kinds! Join us once a month for a time of fellowship, support, and quiet writing. Snacks provided. Imagination encouraged! Mutual support appreciated!

An Evening with Explorer: Adam Shoalts

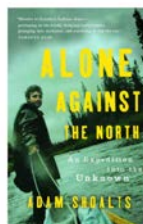
Thursday, April 27 – 7:00–8:00 p.m.

This professional adventurer, best-selling author, and Westaway Explorer-in-Residence at the Royal Canadian Geographical Society will share photographs of his expeditions in the Canadian wilderness. Shoalts has been named one of the "greatest living explorers" by CBC.

Registration required. Register online, in-person, or by calling the library at 519-539-4801.



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BOOK SALE

Woodstock Art Gallery
449 Dundas St. 3rd Floor

Saturday, April 22
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Let's
Laugh &
Play with
Friends

**RETRO
GAMING
NIGHT**

TUESDAY
APRIL 18
6:00PM TO 8:00PM

DROP IN
All Ages welcome.

**RETRO VIDEO GAMES
CARD & BOARD GAMES**

In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community

One-on-One Assistance

Book one-on-one assistance with experts! Sessions are 30 minutes in length. Book online or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006.

History Assist

First and last Wednesday of the month
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Book one-on-one assistance with one of our local history and genealogy specialists to get started on your own research. We will help you find historical documents in our collection and use our resources including Ancestry, newspaper microfilm, and more!

Cyber Assist

Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Book one-on-one assistance with one of our technology specialists on any tech topic. We will help you navigate your tablet, phone, or laptop; download eBooks or eAudiobooks; stream music or movies; and so much more!



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

A: Lawn bowling.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Beginner Calligraphy Workshop

Saturday, April 15 | 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Would you like to learn the skill of simple but beautiful hand lettering? Join our calligraphy instructor to explore a mono line Art Deco alphabet. You will be guided through practicing hand lettering used for addressing envelopes or making signs. All materials included. **Ages: 16+**

\$35 / Members \$30

Magic Beans PA Day

Friday, May 19 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fairytales are tons of fun and people of all ages enjoy an adventure like Jack has up the beanstalk. Today we'll plant some beans for your garden, see if Jack's beans are magical and learn a magic trick. Some creative crafting, and playing inside and out will round out our day together. **Ages: 5-12**

\$45 / Members \$35

Learn to Cross Stitch Pattern Making

Tuesday, April 18 & 25 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Join this unique class to not only learn the art of cross stitch from instructor Helen Mackenzie, but also use examples from the museum's collection! This two-session class explores historic samplers from the museum's permanent collection and you can choose a design to create our own pattern. All materials provided. **Ages: 16+**

\$40 / Members \$35

Crochet a Granny Square

Thursday, May 11 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Learning to crochet the classic Granny Square is easy and fun with some practice and instruction from Lauren Lambkin. She will guide you through all the steps needed to start you on the path to crocheting to your hearts content. Granny Squares can be duplicated or expanded to make all sorts of things. This course is great for beginners. All materials provided.

\$25 / Members \$20

Woodstock Museum 75th Anniversary



Join the Woodstock Museum in celebrating all the people and work involved in creating and maintaining our community museum over the decades.

New and renewing members will receive an additional 75 days on all memberships in 2023! Plus, we'll have special activities and events throughout the year:

- Woodstock Museum NHS: Celebrating 75 Years exhibit: Learn about the past and present curators of the museum in a small display in the Community Gallery.
- \$75 for 75 Years Fundraising Campaign: Donate \$75 today to make a lasting contribution to heritage preservation and education.

Visit www.woodstockmuseum.ca for more ways to celebrate.



75TH Anniversary



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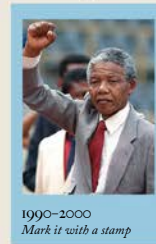
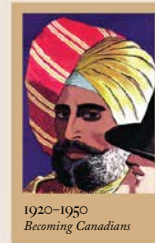
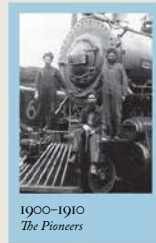


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EXHIBIT Sikhs in Canada



February 20th to April 29th

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Summer Camps FYI Quick Look Museum 2023

July 10-14: Puffin Power (4–7)

July 17-21: The Imaginarium (8–12)

July 24-28: Dino Week (4–7)

July 31 - Aug 4: Get Your Groove On (8–12)

Short Week Aug 8-11: No camp

Aug 14-18: Fantastic Food Feature (10–14)
Specialty Camp \$195/wk

Aug 21-25: Unicorn Camp (5–8)

Summer Camps - Museum 2023

Join in all the fun this summer with learning, history, games, park visits, special guests and unique themes! Make some friends, try something new and **register online starting Feb 1 at 10am**. All camps are located at the Woodstock Museum and run 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (no extended care) and cost \$160/ Members \$140 except the specialty camp Aug 14–18 which is \$195/Members \$175.

Puffin Power

July 10 -14 | Ages 4-7

Don't you love how cute Puffins are? So many birds make parts of Canada their home. We'll play fun games, make bird crafts, learn about Atlantic puffins and birds in our backyards. Make your own bird feeder, explore how owls fly without making a sound and try to spot birds in the park.

Barcode: 00014385

The Imaginarium

July 17 -21 | Ages 8-12

Are you into all things retro or fantasy? If you enjoy building your own creations, figuring out what artifacts were used for and imagining what extinct creatures looked like, this week is for you! Sculpt, construct, paint, build and imagine old or fabricated worlds. Games, park visits and more.

Barcode: 00014386

Dino Week

July 24 -28 | Ages 4-7

What extinct creatures used to roam the earth? Check out ancient fossils, learn to draw dinosaurs and what an archeological dig site is really like. Play fun dino games, make dino crafts and enjoy fun at the park too.

Barcode: 00014381

Get Your Groove On

July 31 - August 4 | Ages 8-12

The way we listen to music has changed a lot. Boogie to the beats of a gramophone, a turn table, a Walkman and more devices you've never heard of! It will blow your mind. We'll dive into famous music, trivia games, hilarious historic dance moves, and try writing our own song!

Barcode: 00014387

Fantastic Food Feature

August 14-18 | Ages 10-14

Specialty Camp

We'll have a great time tasting and making our own creations with food grown and made locally. Meet a fruit farmer, try your hand at jam making, explore the harvest and learn about where our food comes from. Fun games, butter sculpture, crafts and more will be included in this delicious specialty camp.

Barcode: 00014388

Unicorn Camp

August 21-25 | Ages 5-8

For those that missed it last year, our unicorn utopia is back. Everything you need to fulfill your magical fantasies. Get glittered, make unicorn crafts, and play fun magical games this week with friends!

Barcode: 00014389



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

A: James Stewart
Manufacturing Company Ltd.

Investing in our future

In November 2022, we asked residents for input about some of the core services the City provides in our first asset management survey. Your feedback helps us understand more about our current level of service and what matters to you related to our core infrastructure assets including our road network, bridges and culverts, as well as the stormwater network.

Currently in Ontario, municipalities must have an approved asset management plan for their core assets as part of a phased in approach to improving asset management across the province. By 2024, approved asset management plan must include all infrastructure assets and identify current levels of service as well as the cost of maintaining those levels of service.

The feedback respondents shared with us will help define our current levels of service, shape the City's long-term planning and establish future levels of service in line with our community's expectations.

What we heard

Approximately 200 people responded to the online survey. Some key findings from the survey revealed that:

- More than 75 per cent of respondents have lived in Woodstock more than 10 years
- 87 per cent of respondents believe that climate change has an impact on City infrastructure
- However, flooding does not appear to be a major concern for those who responded, with approximately 50 per cent reporting that they rarely or never see flooding and that catchbasins in their neighbourhoods are clear of debris in the spring and fall seasons.
- Traffic flow, availability of bridges during construction season and overall pedestrian safety were some of the concerns expressed by respondents.

"This feedback is very helpful to help align activities and investments with people's priorities and expectations," said Bassel Agroam, the City's Asset Management Analyst. "For example, 47 per cent of respondents stated that they are

dissatisfied with our current pavement conditions, however the Roads Needs Study that we undertake every two years shows that Woodstock's road network scores average to above average compared to similar sized municipalities. This suggests we may need to adjust our service level expectations in this area."

Later this spring, residents will be asked to provide input on some of the City's other service areas, including corporate facilities, recreational and cultural service areas throughout the City. The survey will be available at www.letstalkwoodstock.ca and residents can subscribe to the page to receive an email when it goes live.

You can view the City's Asset Management Plan at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/studiesandplans



Definitions

Asset – An asset is an item, thing or entity that holds potential or actual value to an organization. The value will vary between different organizations and their stakeholders, and can be tangible or intangible, financial or non-financial.

Asset Management – Management practices that enable us to make responsible decisions and investments, at the right times, so that we can deliver municipal services reliably, in line with established levels of service to meet the needs and priorities of the community and the organization.

Asset Management Plan – A plan that offers data-driven guidance to manage an organization's capital asset portfolio, and addresses key areas such as levels of service (LOS), risk management, and asset management strategies.

SPRING PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2023 PROGRAMS IS NOW OPEN!

Visit **WWW.WOODSTOCKARTGALLERY.CA**
to learn more about our upcoming classes,
workshops and drop-in programs for children,
teens/adults, and all ages.

CHILDREN

START WITH ART

Tuesdays, April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30
10:15 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Preschool aged children and their caregivers
will be guided through a variety of artistic
fundamentals, techniques, materials and mindful
creative practice. Children must be accompanied
by an adult.

Ages: Preschool

Cost: \$6/day

AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN - ELEMENTARY

Wednesdays, April 5, 19, May 3, 17
3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Our new after school drop-in program for
elementary students is led by professional arts
educators and includes guided and self-guided
activities. Designed to provide time and space for
interactive creativity and social engagement.

Supported by  **Oxford
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Ages: Elementary students

Cost: \$6/day

CREATIVE PA DAY

Friday, May 19
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Creative PA Day programs include art-making
activities and lessons, a lunch break, two snack
breaks and outdoor play (weather permitting).

Ages: 5 – 12

Cost: \$55 (Members \$45)
Before and after care available for an additional
\$10/day

TEENS AND ADULTS

AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN - HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesdays, April 5, 19, May 3, 17
3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Our new after school drop-in program for high
school students is led by professional arts
educators and is designed as a mentorship
opportunity. Students will attend artist talks,
learn valuable skills such as writing about art,
documentation, and the submission process.
Explore creativity, self-development, and self-
expression in an open and safe space.

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Ages: Elementary students

Cost: \$6/day


CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Selections from the Permanent Collection

LOOK AGAIN

FORM + VOID
LOOK AGAIN FORM PLUS VOID

February 18, 2023 – January 20, 2024
Curator: Corinna Ghaznavi, PhD



David Hunsberger, *Across the Field* (detail), 1992

A DELICATE HAND

FLORENCE CARLYLE

February 18, 2023 – June 24, 2023
Curator: Corinna Ghaznavi, PhD



Florence Carlyle, *Roses in a Brass Bowl* (detail),

GLENN ELLIOTT

HYPERREAL



October 8, 2022 –
June 24 2023

Curator:
Jessica Benjak-Waterous

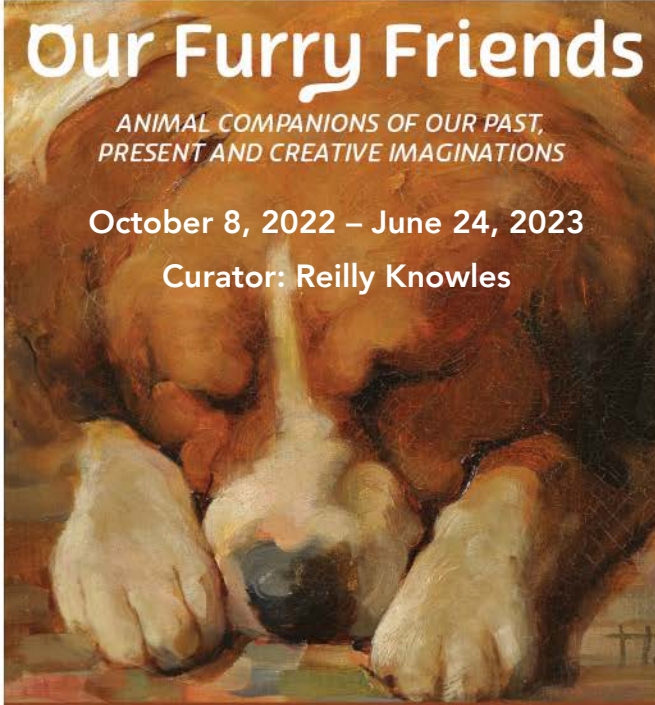
Exhibition Advisor:
Maxine Noel

Glenn Elliott, *Jeans*, 1973.

Our Furry Friends

ANIMAL COMPANIONS OF OUR PAST,
PRESENT AND CREATIVE IMAGINATIONS

October 8, 2022 – June 24, 2023
Curator: Reilly Knowles



Florence Carlyle, *St. Bernard* (detail), 1897.

CALL TO ARTISTS

A CROSS-BORDER CELEBRATION OF ART WITH
WOODSTOCK'S SISTER CITY, SYLVANIA, OHIO

**ANNUAL JURIED
EXHIBITION**

**VISUAL 65
ELEMENTS**

JURORS
Irma Makariunaite (Canada)
Thelma Rosner (Canada)
Tamara Monk (USA)
Ken Thompson (USA)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
May 1, 2023

EXHIBITION OPENS
July 15, 2023 at
Woodstock Art Gallery
October 21, 2023 at
Canticle Center Gallery,
Lourdes University



FLORENCE CARLYLE
CELEBRATION

Join the Woodstock Art Gallery in celebrating the life of Canadian painter Florence Carlyle (1864 – 1923) and the dedication of the new Florence Carlyle Park with an enriching afternoon of art.

WHEN:	WHERE:
Saturday, May 6	Florence Carlyle Park
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Vansittart Avenue at Ingersoll Avenue

Florence Carlyle (Canadian, 1864–1923), Self Portrait (detail), ca. 1901, oil on canvas, 43.50 x 33.20, Gift of Florence Johnston.

COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE ENGINEERING DEPT.

April

- 8 **Easter Egg Hunt**, Victoria Park, 10:30 a.m. Bring your own Easter basket to collect eggs for chocolate and prizes! Activities include costume characters, face painting, balloon twisters, magic show and more. Visit cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents
- 11 **Woodstock Horticultural Society Open Meeting**, Mutual Building, Woodstock Fairgrounds, 7 p.m. Speaker Erika Walker, "All you ever wanted to know about Butterflies." For more information, call 519-533-0356.
- 14–22 **Theatre Woodstock presents 'Guys in a Garage,'** Market Centre Theatre, 7:30 p.m. (Sunday, April 16, 2 p.m. matinee). Call the Market Centre Box Office at 519-537-2582 or visit www.theatrewoodstock.com.
- 15 **South Gate Centre 50/50 Early Bird Prize Draw**, Buy tickets at www.southgate5050.com. See ad on pg. 2.
- 19 **75th Woodstock Rotary Festival of Music "Stars of the Festival,"** Salvation Army Church, 769 Juliana Drive, Woodstock, 7 p.m. Visit woodstockrotaryfestivalofmusic.com.
- 22 **Earth Day Spring Clean-up**, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. noon, meet at the Parks Department office at 192 Old Wellington St. S. Wear appropriate clothing and closed toe shoes. A free BBQ lunch will be provided for volunteers after the clean-up.
- 22 **Friends of the Library Book Sale**, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Woodstock Art Gallery, 3rd Floor. Cash only. Bring your own bag!
- 26 **Oxford Historical Society Meeting**, Woodstock Museum, 6:30 p.m., Free and open to non-members. Chip Martin's book, "From Underground Railroad to Rebel Refuge," Copies available for \$25 cash only. Visit www.oxhs.ca for the latest event information.
- 27 **Unifor Local 636 Retirees Chapter Breakfast and Meeting**, 126 Beale St. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. followed by a meeting at 10 a.m. Breakfast is a small nominal fee of \$5. Come and join for a morning of great food, solidarity and a guest speaker to be announced.
- 27 **Open Stage Night**, Early Bird Coffee, 375 Dundas St, 6–9 p.m. Share your acoustic music, poetry, spoken word and art. Special menu available. Join as performer or patron. Contact Jenilee Halls at 519-535-3555 or jenileehalls@yahoo.com.
- 27 **An Evening with Explorer Adam Shoalts**, 7–8 p.m., Woodstock Public Library. See details on pg. 18. Register online, in-person, or by calling the library at 519-539-4801.
- 29 **Arbour Day Tree Planting**, 8:30 a.m. off Tamarac Boulevard at the top of Burgess Park. Wear appropriate clothing and gloves, and bring a shovel and pail to help carry mulch.
- 29 **The Woodstock Choralaires presents 'Lights! Camera! Action! Great Movie Music from the 50's & 60's,'** 3 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock. Tickets \$25, available now at Wilson & Markle Jewellers, ticketscene.ca or by calling 519-456-5270.

ENVIRODEPOT

Household Hazardous Waste & Bulk Item Drop Off

The EnviroDepot summer schedule starts April 1. Woodstock residents may drop off large items, household hazardous waste and construction material as well as excess recycling.

Wednesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Details about what can and can't be dropped off can be found at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/envirodepot or by calling **519-539-2382 ext. 3181**

Curbside Large Item Collection

From April 17 to May 19, residents may place up to five large items at their curb for collection. Your collection week is based on your normal garbage collection day. Check the City Services Calendar, which was delivered to homes starting March 27 or visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/waste



It's a great time for new beginnings



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\$95/Day

Call today for a same-day tour!
Ask about our \$1000 move-in bonus!

Join your fellow residents for delicious meals in your own full-service dining room. Let us cater to your every need with safety as our number one priority.

Let us do the heavy lifting while you relax in the comfort of your own suite or safely socialize with others in our spacious community.

Amenities & Services Include

- Dining room serving 3 meals daily
- Recreation and activity programs
- Exercise programs
- Snacks available 24 hours/a day
- Emergency call bell system
- Hair salon
- Exercise and wellness programs
- Furnished suites for guest stays
- Garden areas
- Outdoor parking
- Assistance with bathing
- Medication Administration
- 24-hour support by the wellness team
- Weekly laundry and Housekeeping



**\$1000
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BONUS**

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