

June 01, 2024

Mere Phantoms Interactive Shadow Workshop



Using the same techniques as Mere Phantoms, learn how to create your own paper cutouts to make shadow art. Mere Phantoms' interactive shadow workshops are designed to engage audiences of all ages – including adults, young people, children and families. In this hands-on workshop, a selection of paper-cutting techniques will be demonstrated followed by guided instruction in designing and creating your own paper cutouts. Participants will then have the opportunity to use Mere Phantoms' hand-held light wands to explore how their pieces translate in light and shadow. Image credit: Mere Phantoms, *Shadows Without Borders*, 2018, photo by Leila Shifteh and Harun Yasin Tuna. Courtesy of Artists. Accessibility: If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date.

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DIY Rainbow Earrings



Show your PRIDE with a pair of adorable macrame-style rainbow earrings! Create a pair of macrame-style rainbow ear-

rings in this self-directed workshop. Instructions and supplies will be provided. Accessibility: If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Pride —Maker —Crafts —Arts —

Author Evening with Genevieve Graham



The bestselling author discusses her latest novel, *The Secret Keeper*. Stop by the Rookery Books table to purchase novels and get them signed by your favourite author as a memento of this thrilling evening. Meet Genevieve Graham, the USA TODAY and 1 bestselling author of *The Forgotten Home Child*, *Bluebird*, and *At the Mountain's Edge*. Her latest novel, *The Secret Keeper*, became a national instant best-seller upon its release in April 2024. Genevieve is passionate about breathing life back into Canadian history through tales of love and adventure. *The Secret Keeper* is gripping World War II novel about two sisters who join the war effort—one as a codebreaker and the other as a pilot—and the secrets that threaten to tear them apart. Perfect for fans of *The Rose Code* and *The Nightingale*. Inspired by the real-life stories of women in World War II, *The Secret Keeper* is an extraordinary novel about the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood and the light of courage during the darkest of nights. Author photo

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Sunday Closures 2024



All Idea Exchange locations will be closed on Sundays starting May 19, 2024 through to and including September 1, 2024. Though our buildings are closed, you can access our online resources such as eBooks, audiobook, magazines, movies, and educational materials at any time. If you are not currently a member, sign-up for a free online membership to start borrowing digital materials and accessing online resources. Items can be renewed online or over the telephone (519-740-3000) while we are closed. You can also visit the Cambridge Art Galleries online to view the Fibre Art Collection digitally. AGE GROUP: —Teens —Newcomers —Kids —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Special Events —TAGS: — —

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Photography Basics



Learn the basics of SLR-style photography. In this four week course, learn the basics of SLR-style photography through the study of automatic and manual controls, focus, exposure, shutter speed, aperture and flash work. Move beyond the Auto setting and take control of your film or digital SLR. Learn how to read your camera, how to see as a camera and how to out think your camera. A photographer is made in the person, not in the gear. A separate flash unit is recommended for some lessons. In every class, students need to bring their SLR-style cameras, and active imaginations. Digital SLRs and mirrorless units are welcome. Presented by CAGE: Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Cambridge Art Galleries —EVENT TYPE: —Exhibitions + Openings —TAGS: —Exhibitions —Arts —

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Art Cart



Drop in to create a unique craft! Colour a drawing, make a collage, build a sculpture! Try something new each time you visit the Cambridge Art Gallery Education Art Cart. Presented by CAGE: Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Ukulele —Music —Meet-Up —Instruments —

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Let’s Talk



Make new friends, earn volunteer hours, and gain academic and career guidance. This is a program for newcomer youth focused on education and career guidance. We use art activities like drawing, poetry, drama, and connections with community mentors to help you figure out your future career and education goals. We believe that as a community, we can and should listen to the voices of newcomer youth. Through programs like this, we support young people in making a positive difference in their communities, expand youth knowledge, and enhance their understanding of Canadian culture, systems, values, rights, and responsibilities. This program is brought to us by the IRCC, Library Settlement Program, and is done in partnership with the KW Multicultural Center. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know

Ukulele Meet-Up



Enjoy singing and smiling while strumming your ukulele with this casual group. All skill levels are welcome. If needed, you can borrow a ukulele with your Idea Exchange membership. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Ukulele —Music —Meet-Up —Instruments —

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Connections 50+ Hespeler



Connect with other adults while enjoying concerts, crafting, chats, and more. This older adult-focused program features a variety of entertaining activities such as local musicians, guest speakers, art activities, and much more. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Seniors —Concert —Community

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Board Game Café

From cards to Catan, this is a warm and friendly atmosphere for fans of low-tech table games. Try new games or bring your favourites with you. From deep strategy to goofy fun, all interest levels are welcome. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Table Top Games —Games —Gamer —Fan Week —Board Games —

Rainbow Craft Night

Create an artwork inspired by rainbows! In celebration of Pride Month, create rainbow crafts using a variety of fun materials. An example will be demonstrated but you can let your imagination run wild. Presented by CAGE. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support per-

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Fibre Arts Meet-Up

Meet other fibre arts enthusiasts as you work on your own project in a social environment. Share ideas and tips with like-minded folks related to knit, crochet, embroidery, macrame, sewing, and other fibre arts for a weekly social meet-up. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Fibre —Crafts —Arts —

Queen's Square Book Club

Read with us and have great discussions about amazing books. A traditional book club where we meet the first Wednesday of every month. Great for people who work during the day but still want to enjoy a book club at night. May 1 - Introductory meeting June 5 - The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue July 3 - Five Little Indians by Michelle Good August 7 - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson *Books will be given out at the previous meeting for the next meeting. For example, when you come to the May meeting, you'll get your copy of June's book, The Pull of the Stars. Please email Leah (lmcquire@ideaexchange.org) with any questions or if you need a copy of the book. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date.

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Queer Craft Circle: Felted Tea Light Holder



2SLGBTQIA+-identifying individuals are invited to explore a different creative project each month in a fun and safe space. Join us for this fun, casual program. Together we will explore a new creative project with a guest artist each month. Registration is limited to 2SLGBTQIA+-identifying people in Waterloo Region. This month Michael and Peter from woolwaterneedle are back for an evening of wool felting fun. Come on out and make a beautiful tea light holder that will bring a warm glow to those sultry summer nights, and will also do double duty as a vase to hold some sweet summer posies during the day. This class is for beginners, returning students and experienced artisans. All materials are supplied. This program is offered in collaboration with Spectrum, Waterloo Region’s Rainbow Community. You can learn more about Spectrum by visiting www.ourspectrum.com. Presented by CAGE: Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can

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Connections 50+ Queen’s Square



Connect with other adults while enjoying concerts, crafting, chats, and more. In this interactive workshop, you will learn about ways that generative AI can be used for creativity, mindfulness, and play. We will go through different activities showcasing a range of ways you can have fun and provide you with a list of resources to continue exploring AI. The workshop does not require any devices or previous experience with AI. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Technology —Tech Training —Seniors —Concert —Commu

On The Table



So, what’s on your mind? Let’s get it on the table. Let’s Dream Together! What would you like the Cambridge of 2044 to look like? What would it feel like to live here? What facilities, recreational opportunities, and special events would we hold? Let’s use our imaginations and dream a great big dream of our future together - who knows what wonderful things we can get started on! On the Table is an event organized by Waterloo Region Community Foundation (WRCF) to encourage community connection. We’re inviting people across Waterloo Region to gather friends, neighbours, co-workers, family members, or people in the community to sit down, share some food, and talk about what matters most to you. The things people talk about will be collected and shared - giving us an important snapshot of what’s on people’s minds throughout Waterloo Region right now. It’s a fun, meaningful opportunity for people everywhere to meet, gather, and share. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Community

Community Desk: Welcome John Howard Society



Staff from John Howard Society's Cambridge Career Connections will be onsite to provide support and resources to job seekers. Drop in to meet with Employment Coordinators from Cambridge Career Connections to learn about FREE services to support job seekers in the Cambridge Community. Employment Coordinators will be able to provide resume and cover letter writing resources, interview and job search tips, and links to job leads and employment opportunities. Cambridge Career Connections is an Employment Ontario Service Provider, providing Employment Services, Youth Job Connection, and Better Jobs Ontario programs. This program is happening on a rotating basis at four Idea Exchange locations: Clemens Mill, Hespeler, Preston, and Queen's Square. Check our calendar of events for dates, times, and locations. This program is a partnership of Idea Exchange, and John Howard Society in Cambridge. Accessibility: If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we

Idea Exchange at the Hespeler Village Market



Play outside at the Hespeler Village Market. Together we will play outside, do some crafts, and learn about what Idea Exchange has to offer. The Hespeler Village Market is located outdoors in the square. Accessibility: If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Kids —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Community —

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Undergrowth



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Shallows



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Introduction to Cricut Maker



Learn the basics of our Cricut Maker. Learn to design a custom t-shirt or make beautiful cards and party decorations for any occasion with the Cricut Maker. Accessibility: If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Technology —Tech Training —Makerspace —Maker —Cricut —

Liberate Yourself Through Your Bookshelf



Aashay Dalvi discusses the importance of queer, migrant, and anti-colonial representation in literature. In this lecture/interview hybrid, Aashay will delve into the transformative power of inclusive literature, how their personal journey has shaped their advocacy work, and tips and tricks for decolonizing your bookshelf. This event will conclude with a

brief opportunity to ask questions. About the presenter Aashay Dalvi, anti-racism consultant for SPECTRUM and founder of Rad Riot Books, discusses the importance of anti-colonial representation in literature. They have previously spoken about queer-affirming and anti-colonial literature at the University of Waterloo, the GSA Conference, Tri-Pride, Kitchener Public Library, and more across Waterloo Region. Aashay's work is guided by the understanding that decolonizing one's own perspective begins with seeking out and embracing voices that challenge the status quo. Frequently, narratives from queer, racialized, and non-Eurocentric immigrant v

Printing with Plants



Make beautiful art using plants! Join artist Judy Major-Girardin as we create unique prints using plants and fabric. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —CAGE —Arts —

Practice Your English: Queen's Square



Meet new friends, learn about your community, share your culture and customs, and practice your English. Join us for casual conversation and connection led by experienced and friendly Idea Exchange volunteers. These weekly sessions cover various topics featuring group activities and one-on-one or one-on-two practice in a fun and helpful environment. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Newcomers —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Learn English —Language —ESL —Conversation —

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Sunday Closures 2024



All Idea Exchange locations will be closed on Sundays

starting May 19, 2024 through to and including September 1, 2024. Though our buildings are closed, you can access our online resources such as eBooks, audiobook, magazines, movies, and educational materials at any time. If you are not currently a member, sign-up for a free online membership to start borrowing digital materials and accessing online resources. Items can be renewed online or over the telephone (519-740-3000) while we are closed. You can also visit the Cambridge Art Galleries online to view the Fibre Art Collection digitally. AGE GROUP: —Teens —Newcomers —Kids —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Special Events —TAGS: — —

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Community Desk: Welcome YMCA Immi-

grant Services



As a primary settlement agency in Cambridge, YMCA Immigrant Services acts as a “first stop” for newcomers. Through the YMCA Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP), our Settlement Workers are located within the libraries to continue to support newcomer and immigrant needs. Our Settlement Workers can provide support with citizenship, housing, education, English language assessments, connecting with community resources, and much more. Through our collaboration with Idea Exchange, together we are working to foster a smooth transition into the Cambridge community. The Library Settlement Partnership program is a partnership of Idea Exchange, the YMCA’s Immigrant Services Program, and Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). Services Offered: Virtual settlement support to newcomers. Information sessions relevant to newcomer needs in collaboration with Idea Exchange. LSP staff provide orientation to library services and referrals. Services available virtually, over the phone, and

Art and Wellness



Enjoy a creative evening in the Gallery Studio with a focus on improving mental health. Wellness practitioner Jodie Baker will lead participants through a mindfulness exercise and art activity. Presented by CAGE: Accessibility. If you require

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Photography Basics



Learn the basics of SLR-style photography. In this four week course, learn the basics of SLR-style photography through the study of automatic and manual controls, focus, exposure, shutter speed, aperture and flash work. Move beyond the Auto setting and take control of your film or digital SLR. Learn how to read your camera, how to see as a camera and how to out think your camera. A photographer is made in the person, not in the gear. A separate flash unit is recommended for some lessons. In every class, students need to bring their SLR-style cameras, and active imaginations. Digital SLRs and mirrorless units are welcome. Presented by CAGE: Accessibility. If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program w