

## December 08, 2023

### *Old Post Office Book Club*



Meet monthly to discuss a pre-selected title, share thoughts, and learn more about the books we love. Fall Book Titles: Pick up a copy of the next month's book from the Old Post Office starting the 2nd Friday of the month prior. September's book will be available starting August 11. Cost: Free. AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Book Clubs —TAGS: —bookclubs —

### *Connections 50+*



Connect with other older adults while enjoying concerts, crafting, chats, and more. This entertaining, senior-focused program features local musicians, guest speakers, and art activities with Cambridge Art Galleries staff, and much more. Lights snacks and refreshments served. December 1: Axon Music Therapy. December 8: Holiday Crafts with Amanda. December 15: Holiday Open House presented by Cambridge Third Age Learning (CTAL). AGE GROUP: —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Arts —

### *Career and Job Support*



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. Cost: Free. AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —resume —jobs —employment

### *Winterfest: Winter Ice and Lights*



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### *An Evening of Carolling in the McDougall's Back Garden with Voci Cantanti*



All are welcome to join us for an enchanting evening of traditional carols with vocal quartet, Voci Cantanti. Put on your coziest winter wear and join us in the McDougall's back garden where we'll be lifting our voices in song. Bring your voice and join in, or just relax and enjoy the sounds of the season! We'll have warm apple cider and seasonal goodies on hand for all to enjoy. Please let us know if you'll be joining us by registering in advance. Admission is by donation. This is an outdoor event, so be sure to dress for the weather! Bio: Voci Cantanti came together prior to the pandemic, having been inspired to form after attending a Rescue Junction performance. Now under the direction of Amy Di Nino, Voci Cantanti performs a variety of genres and styles in many different languages, with a focus on connecting with the community through the power of the voice. Voci Cantanti members are; Carolyn Cresswell (soprano), Wilma Miyasaki (alto), Gary Greer (tenor) and Jon Cowie (bass).

### *Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*



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### *Cambridge Farmers' Market*



Ask yourself a few simple questions... Our hope is that you answered, "Yes," to all of the above questions, and that's what we love about food: It is a common bond we all share, a single thread that when talked about, brings to mind all sorts of stories and experiences that we can share. Farmers' markets are a centre of commerce and socializing, a venue for combining old with new and a place for new ideas to be explored and celebrated. The Cambridge Farmers' Market (CFM) is our community food hub. It is where residents gather to talk about food and community happenings. It's where awareness is built and the beginnings of change takes place. The CFM dates back to the 1830s with the current market building holding its seat on Dickson Street since 1887. The presence of the market in conjunction with other civic structures, the Town Halls, is an English tradition that is as relevant today as it was when the market was built. The CFM building's continued use as a market is unique in Ontario. While

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### *Introduction to 3D Printing*



Explore the different 3D printers available in the Makerspace. You'll learn the basics of 3D printing, including what it is, the materials used, where to find designs, what various acronyms mean, and how to set up your first 3D print. Cost: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Tech Training —Technology —Makerspace —Maker —3D Printing —

### *Reindeer Games*



Get ready for a series of festive challenges, competitions, and crafts. Our elves have been hard at work putting together 'Minute-to-Win-It' challenges that will cause jolly laughs; Prancer has planned some sneaky scavenger hunts, and Comet has crafted glorious gift stations. "Yule" be sure to have a merry time! This drop-in program is a great way to get into the holiday spirit with your family. Cost: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Scavenger Hunts —Holidays —Games —Challenges —

### *SOLD OUT - Special Christmas Teas by the Grand at McDougall Cottage*



Find some time for calm this holiday season by joining us at McDougall Cottage for a jolly Christmas Tea. The Cottage will be decked out in festive style for this classic, seasonal tea that includes tasty finger sandwiches, freshly-baked scones with whipped cream and preserves, alongside some special Christmas treats and, as always, a bottomless tea pot. This would make a great gift for a friend or two - what could be better than great company, cheerful conversation and tasty holiday treats in a cozy, 165 year old stone Cottage? Reservations are required and space is limited, so reserve your spot now! Museum Members receive a 10

### *Gallery Opening Reception: Dérives*



Join the Cambridge Art Galleries team for the opening reception of José Luis Torres exhibition, *Dérives* at our Preston Gallery location! Explore José Luis Torres' latest installation, *Dérives*, at Cambridge Art Galleries, Preston, while enjoying some light snacks and refreshments. You are encouraged to play, touch, and move in this exhibition! We will have multiple children's activities. The artist will be on-site! Drop in any time. Cambridge Art Galleries exhibition and education programs are always free!

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### *Build It!*



Inspired by the work of José Luis Torres, create your own miniature architectural sculpture. All materials provided, dress for mess. AGE GROUP: —Kids —Cambridge Art Galleries —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Arts —

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### *Holiday Music with Morphy Music*



Drop in for seasonal music with Morphy Music and stay for a festive treat. Morphy Music will share seasonal music for all to enjoy. This is a drop-in concert with no reserved

seating.Refreshments will be served on a while they last basis.Cost: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Live Performances —TAGS: —Music —Holidays —

### *Grand River Play Project*



It's not just a play, it's a collaborative experience.Join us at the historic Idea Exchange Old Post Office for this event inspired by the relationship of the peoples living along the Grand River.Share your story or simply enjoy stories, theatre, poetry, and crafting shared by members of the Grand River Play Project and their talented partners.Stay and warm up with refreshments at intermission.Register in advance.Limited spaces may be available at the door.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —Live Performances —TAGS: —Music —Community —Arts —

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### *Sweets S'mores Shindig*



Experience the Magic of the Season at Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum!Join us for a Family-Friendly December Extravaganza! Are you ready for an unforgettable, winter wonderland adventure? The Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum is proud to present a one-of-a-kind, family-oriented event that will light up your holiday season!Step Back in Time and immerse yourself in the enchanting charm of a historic village adorned with festive decorations. Stroll through our picturesque streets, where yesteryear comes alive, and holiday traditions are beautifully preserved. Gather around the

crackling campfires with your loved ones and enjoy the age-old pleasure of toasting marshmallows and crafting scrumptious s'mores. The cozy warmth of the fire will keep you snug and merry. Sip on rich, velvety hot chocolate, the perfect medicine to warm your soul on a chilly December evening. Customize your drink with an array of delectable toppings, creating a sweet masterpiece just for you. Indulge your sweet

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This event is exclusively reserved for children with social, emotional, accessible, and behavioural needs. The sensory-friendly environment offers reduced lighting and a quieter atmosphere to visit with Santa. Families will receive a complimentary digital photograph with Santa to commemorate this magical holiday season. The City of Cambridge, in partnership with Cambridge Centre located at 355 Hespeler Road, has organized four dates for families to visit with Santa. Sensitive Santa will come to town on the following Sundays: November 26, 2023; Sunday, December 3, 2023, December 10, 2023, and Sunday, December 17, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Please note that spots are limited, and registration is required on a first-come basis. To register e-mail Yesenia Torres at accessibility@cambridge.ca or call 519-623-1340 Ext. 4292.

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Enjoy a creative evening in the Gallery Studio with a focus on improving mental health. A professional artist and clinical therapist will be present to lead you through a fun activity resulting in an artwork and deeper sense of wellbeing. This program is offered in partnership with Porchlight: Counselling and Addiction Services. You can learn more about Porchlight at porchlightend.org AGE GROUP: —Teens —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —MentalHealth —Arts —

### *Knit 'n' Chat Meet-Up*



Share your ideas and creations with fellow knitters. Whether you're an expert, or just starting out, everyone is welcome to participate or just have some friendly conversation. Cost: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Knitting —

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### *Service Canada Drop-In Clinic*



A Client Service Specialist from Service Canada will be onsite to provide support and resources to the public. Service Canada will be in your community for drop-in service to help you apply for your Social Insurance Number as well as to answer your questions on/help you apply for our other programs and services, including SIN card applications, Employment Insurance, as well as the Canada Pension Plan. Some services may require primary and secondary identification. Visit Canada.ca for a complete list of acceptable primary and secondary documents. Service Canada provides Canadians with a single point of access to a wide range of government services and benefits through the Internet, by telephone, in-person, or by mail. This is a partnership between Service Canada and Idea Exchange. Drop in anytime 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Special Events —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —SIN Card —Service Canada —Employment Insurance —Canada Pension Plan —Appl

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### *Recycled Ornament Craft Night*



Make an ornament using recycled materials. Yogurt lids, egg cartons, and glitter galore! Create a unique ornament using recycled materials and craft supplies. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —School Aged —Holidays —Crafts —

### *Ukulele Holiday Concert*



A holiday-inspired concert along the river. Get in the holiday spirit with a Ukulele concert and sing-along. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Kids —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Live Performances —TAGS: —Ukulele —Music —Concert —

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Come try to nail your sugar cookie decorating skills! All participants can bring their cookies home after decorating. AGE GROUP: —Teens —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Arts —

### *Fibre Arts Meet-Up*



Calling all knit, crochet, embroidery, macrame, sewing, and other fibre arts enthusiasts for a weekly social meet-up. Join other fibre arts practitioners as you work on your own project in a social environment. Share ideas, enthusiasm, and tips with other like-minded folks. Cost: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —MeetUp —Fibre —CultureDays —Crafts —Arts —



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### *Holiday Card Making*



Create your own card to give over the holidays! Use stickers, stamps and ink to make a personalized card. AGE GROUP: —Teens —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Arts —adult —

### *SPECTRUM Cambridge Transgender Peer Support Group*



Join SPECTRUM for a discussion and to meet other local gender-diverse folks. Funded by a grant from the Cambridge and North Dumfries Community Foundation, the bi-weekly Cambridge Transgender Peer Support Group is an informal, discussion-based, drop-in program. This group is a space for adults that identify within the trans/gender variant umbrella. AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —SPECTRUM —Pride —adult —

### *Holiday Decoration Stations*



Get ready for the holidays with fun crafts. A gingerbread house and a pinecone gnome are just some of the crafts you can make to keep or give as a gift this holiday season. Cost:

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### *Connections 50+*



Connect with other older adults while enjoying concerts, crafting, chats, and more. This entertaining, senior-focused program features local musicians, guest speakers, and art activities with Cambridge Art Galleries staff, and much more. Lights snacks and refreshments served. December 1: Axon Music Therapy December 8: Holiday Crafts with Amanda December 15: Holiday Open House presented by Cambridge Third Age Learning (CTAL) AGE GROUP: —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Arts —

### *Career and Job Support*



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. Cost: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —resume —jobs —employment

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### *Cambridge Farmers' Market*



Ask yourself a few simple questions... Our hope is that you answered, "Yes," to all of the above questions, and that's what we love about food: It is a common bond we all share, a single thread that when talked about, brings to mind all sorts of stories and experiences that we can share. Farmers' markets are a centre of commerce and socializing, a venue for combining old with new and a place for new ideas to be explored and celebrated. The Cambridge Farmers' Market (CFM) is our community food hub. It is where residents gather to talk about food and community happenings. It's where awareness is built and the beginnings of change takes place. The CFM dates back to the 1830s with the current market building holding its seat on Dickson Street since 1887. The presence of the market in conjunction with other civic structures, the Town Halls, is an English tradition that is as relevant today as it was when the market was built. The CFM building's continued use as a market is unique in Ontario. While

### *Reindeer Games*



Get ready for a series of festive challenges, competitions, and crafts. Our elves have been hard at work putting together 'Minute-to-Win-It' challenges that will cause jolly laughs; Prancer has planned some sneaky scavenger hunts, and Comet has crafted glorious gift stations. "Yule" be sure to have a merry time! This drop-in program is a great way to get into the holiday spirit with your family. Cost: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Scavenger Hunts —Holidays —Games —Challenges —

### *SOLD OUT - Special Christmas Teas by the Grand at McDougall Cottage*



Find some time for calm this holiday season by joining us at McDougall Cottage for a jolly Christmas Tea. The Cottage will be decked out in festive style for this classic, seasonal tea that includes tasty finger sandwiches, freshly-baked scones with whipped cream and preserves, alongside some special Christmas treats and, as always, a bottomless tea pot. This would make a great gift for a friend or two - what could be better than great company, cheerful conversation and tasty holiday treats in a cozy, 165 year old stone Cottage? Reservations are required and space is limited, so reserve your spot now! Museum Members receive a 10

### *Wintry Crafternoons at Schneider Haus*



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One of the Region's most sought after holiday events, the FRIENDS of Waterloo Region Museums' annual Christmas extravaganza at Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum is back for one night only! Enjoy the sights of a Christmas past as you wander through the village in its finest lantern-lit beauty. Stroll down the paths and experience the unique ambiance of a historic village holiday celebration. Enjoy sweet treats as you sip hot apple cider while under the twinkling stars. The evenings' music, food, and good cheer will surely get you and your family in the holiday spirit. Don't forget your camera, as we will have a special guest visiting for a great holiday selfie. Ticket holders will also receive an exclusive behind-the-scenes virtual tour showcasing the historic buildings in the village, and the traditions and stories inside. In addition, a Family Gift Basket will be given away for a lucky winner to take home! Each ticket holder's name will be placed in a draw to win this basket. This Fund

### *CANCELLED - Tinsel, Treats and Trivia!*



Take the night off and visit Schneider Haus for an evening filled with festive fun! Experience the historic house bathed in cozy candlelight! Enjoy cookies and mocktails by the crackling fire, and live music. While you're here craft an ornament and a seasonal votive holder to take home or gift away! Think you got what it takes to conquer our Trivia Challenge? We'll be putting your festive knowledge to the test - see if you have what it takes to bring home a prize! Ugly holiday sweaters are highly encouraged! This event is for ages 16 and up.

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This event is exclusively reserved for children with social, emotional, accessible, and behavioural needs. The sensory-friendly environment offers reduced lighting and a quieter atmosphere to visit with Santa. Families will receive a complimentary digital photograph with Santa to commemorate this magical holiday season. The City of Cambridge, in partnership with Cambridge Centre located at 355 Hespeler Road, has organized four dates for families to visit with Santa. Sensitive Santa will come to town on the following Sundays: November 26, 2023; Sunday, December 3, 2023, December 10, 2023, and Sunday, December 17, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Please note that spots are limited, and registration is re-

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### *Fibre Arts Meet-Up*



Calling all knit, crochet, embroidery, macrame, sewing, and other fibre arts enthusiasts for a weekly social meet-up. Join other fibre arts practitioners as you work on your own project in a social environment. Share ideas, enthusiasm, and tips with other like-minded folks. Cost: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —MeetUp —Fibre —CultureDays —Crafts —Arts —

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### *Santa Storytime*



Let's read stories with Santa! An evening of stories, crafts, and jolly fun with Santa Claus. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Special Events —TAGS: —Storytime —Crafts —Christmas —

### *Queer Reading Circle*



Join us for our last Queer Reading Circle of 2023! The Queer Reading Circle lets 2SLGBTQIA+ identifying participants socialize and engage in materials about and by the queer community with no need to prepare in advance. Materials will be provided and read as a group before we dive into discussion. Oh, and there will be snacks! Our Queer Reading Circle meets on the third Thursday of every month. This program is offered in partnership with SPECTRUM, Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Book Clubs —TAGS: —Queer —2SLGBTQIA+ —

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### *Cambridge Farmers' Market*



Ask yourself a few simple questions. . . Our hope is that you answered, "Yes," to all of the above questions, and that's what we love about food: It is a common bond we all share, a single thread that when talked about, brings to mind all sorts of stories and experiences that we can share. Farmers' markets are a centre of commerce and socializing, a venue for combining old with new and a place for new ideas to be explored and celebrated. The Cambridge Farmers' Market (CFM) is our community food hub. It is where residents gather to talk about food and community happenings. It's where awareness is built and the beginnings of change takes place. The CFM dates back to the 1830s with the current market building holding its seat on Dickson Street since 1887. The presence of the market in conjunction with other civic structures, the Town Halls, is an English tradition that is as relevant today as it was when the market was built. The CFM building's continued use as a market is unique in Ontario. Whil

### *Reindeer Games*



Get ready for a series of festive challenges, competitions, and crafts. Our elves have been hard at work putting together

'Minute-to-Win-It' challenges that will cause jolly laughs; Prancer has planned some sneaky scavenger hunts, and Comet has crafted glorious gift stations. "Yule" be sure to have a merry time! This drop-in program is a great way to get into the holiday spirit with your family. Cost: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Scavenger Hunts —Holidays —Games —Challenges —

### *Wintry Crafternoons at Schneider Haus*



The weather may be frightful, but our Wintry Crafternoons are nothing but delightful! We will be holding our family friendly Wintry Crafternoons every weekend in December from 12 until 4 pm to celebrate the winter season! Our Crafternoons are included in the price of admission, enjoy a wonderful craft and tour of our historic house in its coziest season! Love snowball fights but hate getting soggy socks? Join us December 2nd or 3rd to create a "Snowman pom pom launcher" that brings the fun of snowball fights indoors! Roll up your sleeves and get ready for messy play on December 9th and 10th when we make "Melted Snowman Slime"! Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! On December 16th and 17th we will be creating "Hanging Beaded Snowflakes" that are sure to add winter charm to your home. Join us December 23rd to create your very own "Wooden Bead Snowman" that makes a fantastic ornament or use your imagination and create your own custom holiday card to give to someone special in your life! Dece

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