ESPLANADE Arts & Heritage Centre

EDUCATION Guide

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2019
Grades Seven - Twelve
LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE MEANINGFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCES!
ABOUT US

We welcome education groups of all varieties! While engaging in a school program with the Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre, students have the opportunity to think critically and visually stimulate their senses as they create, interpret, and express themselves. Use this catalogue to guide you through our cross-curricular program offerings in all areas of the Esplanade. Our education staff and volunteers are here to work with you to meet your students’ learning needs.

STAY CONNECTED

If you would like to be included in our emails for other exclusive and limited offers in the upcoming school year, select the ‘stay connected’ option in your online booking for an upcoming program, event or theatre showing. You can also send us an email at education@medicinehat.ca

BOOKING ONLINE

1. Visit esplanade.ca
2. Follow the link ‘Education’
3. Select ‘School Visits & Bookings’
4. Select ‘Learn More’ and book today!
5. Select a password to manage your booking
6. Note: Invoices are sent following your visit
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DON’T SEE WHAT YOU’RE LOOKING FOR?

We’re happy to discuss custom options! Let’s find something that works for you! Call us at 403-502-8585 or email us at education@medicinehat.ca

ART GALLERY

HISTORIC MUSEUM

ARCHIVES

THEATRE

HERITAGE GALLERY

PROGRAM OPTIONS

ART GALLERY

Art Gallery Tours | 1 hour | $50

Tour & Workshop | 1.5 hours | $65

Art Gallery tours are led by staff or trained volunteers and will facilitate discussion on media techniques, composition and purpose in artworks. An hour long tour will focus on the two current exhibitions, and students will be encouraged to present their own ideas while respecting and learning from the perspectives of their peers. A one and a half hour long program includes an activity-based art challenge in the Discovery Centre in addition to their tour. For a listing of our current and upcoming exhibitions please see pages 12-13.

HERITAGE GALLERY

Tour | 1 hour | $50

Heritage Gallery tours are led by staff or trained volunteers and include key tour stops and interactive activities designed to foster discussion, critical thinking and creative engagement. Students will be encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas with their peers, and thoughtfully consider the main themes presented in the current exhibition. For a listing of our current and upcoming exhibitions please see page 14.

THE MEDICINE HAT STORY

PERMANENT EXHIBIT

Exhibit Tour & Scavenger Hunt

1 hour | $50

Our permanent museum exhibit is an engaging combination of artefacts, visuals, and interactives for everyone to enjoy while learning about how Medicine Hat grew into the city that it is today. Led by one of the Esplanade’s enthusiastic Education Guides, students will search for objects that match the clues given in an educational scavenger hunt.

WE CAN COME TO YOU!

Visit pages 16-17 to find more!
Whether shared around the campfire, at the dinner table, or in ceremony as part of a momentous life event, story telling has always been a communal experience. Stories bring us together to celebrate a shared past, to teach us the values and life lessons of our forebearers and to help us make sense of life’s great questions. The cultures, teachings, values and world views of First Nations and Inuit peoples are rooted in their oral tradition. This program brings students from the Esplanade Archives, to the Permanent Museum, and upstairs to our Discovery Centre, as we learn about the important role that stories play in First Nations communities past and present. Through interactive, discussion-based programming, students will have the opportunity ponder the stories that have shaped their own life experiences in meaningful ways.

**STORYTELLING AND THE ORAL TRADITION**

**CROSS-CURRICULAR PROGRAMMING! | 1.5 hours | $65 | Grades 6 - 9**

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**Behind the Scenes Theatre Tour**

Have you ever wondered how all of the magic on stage comes together? Our knowledgeable guides will lead you through backstage areas, following in the footsteps of some of our greatest musical and theatrical artists to reveal the secrets that bring outstanding performances to the stage. Topics discussed include lighting and sound and students will have the chance to observe a unique view of our fly tower from the stage. As availability is highly dependent on show schedules, please call the Education Coordinator to check tour date availability.

*Recommended for all grades, max. 25 students*

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**Ewart Duggan House and Garden Tour**

**ALL AGES | 1 hour | $60**

Take a step into the past with this exciting tour of the Ewart Duggan House. This impressive heritage house, built from locally produced bricks, stands on Medicine Hat’s historic First Street and is acknowledged as the oldest brick residence in Alberta still on its original foundation. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the daily lives of its occupants and that about how they would have bathed and cooked in a time before running water and electricity, how they kept their food cold in the summer months and how they stayed warm in the winter. Students will have the chance to observe the house’s Victorian architecture while they sketch in the heritage garden.

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**City Hall Tours**

**ALL AGES | 1 hour | NO COST**

This is a free 1 hour tour. Students will be guided through the legislative corridor, the council chambers and may even have an opportunity to meet the Mayor! Tours are dependent on volunteer availability.

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**NOT AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE BOOKING**

Call 403-502-8783 to book your offsite program.
ALL AGES

**PRINTMAKING**

1 hour | $60

During this workshop students will learn about the work of Garry Newton, a printmaker with an international art practice who lived in Medicine Hat. They’ll begin by looking at several of Newton’s prints from the Permanent Collection of Art and will create their own prints inspired by flora and fauna, upstairs in the Discovery Centre. Students will learn how printmaking differs from other art forms and will have the opportunity to operate the wheel of our press!

**PERMANENT COLLECTIONS TOUR AND CONSERVATION WORKSHOP**

1.5 hours | $60

Our permanent museum collection contains over 25000 artefacts, while our permanent art collection contains over 1300 works of art. Many of the objects in our collection are very fragile and special care is required to keep them in tip top shape! Students will have the opportunity to learn about the basics of art conservation as they witness an interactive demonstration of the art restoration process. Next up, students will don their detective caps as they observe, analyze and discuss a three dimensional artwork from our permanent collection.

**THEATRE PERFORMANCE**

Oct. 22\(^{nd}\)

9:30 AM

1:30 PM

Axé Capoeira | KG - Grade 9 | $2/seat

Featuring traditional Brazilian music with upbeat vocals and instrumentals, Axé Capoeira showcases professional capoeiristas and dancers at the height of their skill. With exciting choreographed dances, internationally acclaimed capoeira, high-flying acrobatics, invigorating music and dazzling costumes, the group has enthralled audiences of all ages and sizes at thousands of schools, festivals, and theatres across the globe for more than 20 years.
Across Terrains: a Floral and Chromatic Study

Sarindar Dhaliwal

From marigolds, zinnias, Medalta brick, furniture, feathers and a myriad of other materials, Dhaliwal forms vividly beautiful explorations of migration, immigration, family and diaspora, both in the gallery and the Esplanade gardens. Born in the Punjab, raised in London, England, and immigrated to Ontario in 1968, Sarindar’s previous work is currently touring Canada in Vision Exchange: Perspectives from India to Canada, presented by the Art Gallery of Alberta and the National Gallery of Canada.

Image: From Saffron Midden to Ochre Flats, 1995, detail of mixed media installation

A Prairie Vernacular: Folk and Contemporary Art Narratives of Life on the Prairies

A Prairie Vernacular presents a stunning array of historic and contemporary vernacular artworks from the Canadian prairies, based on shared interest in prairie experience, culture, environment and sensibilities as compelling sources for artistic practice. Adopting the materials, methods and motivations of a folk aesthetic, these works reflect on memories and histories of life on the prairies and present visual narratives rife with humour, fantasy, myth, politics, religion, and the prairie gothic. Co-curated with the Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery.

Image: William Panko, Happy Cabbages, n.d. gouache on paper, Collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Call 403-502-8585 to find out more about our corresponding art workshops!

Medicine Hat College Visual Communications Faculty Biennial Exhibition

The art and design instructors of MHC’s Visual Communications Program show their newest works, including graphic design. Giving a taste of their current creative explorations and the issues underlying their work, this is an exhibition by artists of today, who teach the artists of tomorrow.

Image: Viscom Faculty members, left to right: Yulin Wang, Ian Richardson, Craig Cote, Dean Smale, Jessica Plattner, Koi Neng Liew
Heritage Gallery

JUNE 22 - SEPTEMBER 21

From The Vaults takes a close look at how the Esplanade operates on a daily basis and explores some of the treasures from our collections that we do not often have the chance to display. It features the interesting, the odd and the unusual; items we think you would like to see!

JUNE 22 - SEPTEMBER 21

“Refuge Canada”

“No one wants to be a refugee, anyone could become a refugee.” Refuge Canada explores Canada’s place in the global refugee crisis through images, soundscapes, first person accounts and artefacts. Moving through major waves of arrival from Second World War era up to present day, Refuge Canada balances hopeful stories of optimism and success with moving accounts of shattered lives, fear, and examples of Canada’s mixed record in welcoming refugees.

Remembrance Day

TOOL KITS

Classroom Remembrance Toolkit 1 week rental | $20

Enhance your Remembrance programming with the Classroom Remembrance Toolkit! Classes will examine replica primary documents such as newspapers and letters, and engage in a variety of activities to better understand the role that the citizens of Medicine Hat played in the First World War. This ready to use kit includes a teacher guide, student work pages, hands-on activity cards and documents, as well as a PowerPoint presentation with digital copies of all materials.

TOURS

Remembrance Day Museum Tour 1.5 hours | $60

Book a Remembrance themed tour of the Permanent Museum from November 4th - 8th. In the Museum, students will learn more about Medicine Hat’s role in the war. They will try on uniforms and helmets and complete a challenging scavenger hunt. After visiting the Museum, they will move up to the Discovery Centre to create a related project. Book soon as spots for this program will fill up fast.

BOOKING YOUR REMEMBRANCE TOUR

Visit esplanade.ca and select ‘Education’
Select ‘School Visits & Bookings’
Select ‘Learn More’
Input ‘Special Offers’

Toolkit is free when you book a Remembrance Day tour!
“Art has the role in education of helping children become like themselves instead of more like everyone else”
- Sydney Gurewitz Clemens

**ARTIST IN THE CLASSROOM**

Annette ten Cate is thrilled to be a visiting artist in your classroom. Annette loves to share her joy of art with children and believes art is for everyone. “In the classroom, my goal is to include all children by presenting art instruction in an open-ended way, where unique and individual ideas are encouraged”. Annette has spent 5 years working in Medicine Hat schools as an outreach artist and has also led clay-based projects as part of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program (TREX).

**BOOKING YOUR SESSION**

Visit esplanade.ca and click ‘Education’
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**CLASSROOM ART EXPERIENCES**

1. **SELF-PORTRAITS** - Identity exploration
2. **PRINTMAKING** - Working together with process
3. **PAINTING FROM NATURE** - Exploring our environment
4. **ABSTRACT EXPRESSION** - Imagination unfolding
5. **CLAY SCULPTURE** - Construction skills
6. **LINE DRAWING** - Creative expression

**KINDERGARTEN - GRADE NINE**

There are many ways to create art in your own classroom that can extend into areas such as literacy, identity and social responsibility. Each art method listed above will be introduced to your classroom in an age-appropriate, hands-on way that is always open-ended and encourages individual expression. Choose one or more Classroom Art Experiences for your students, or sign up for all six! Be prepared to get involved and have fun!

**1 hour: $130**
**1.5 hours: $150**
**2 hours: $170**
+ mileage