

## Sunday, January 30, 2022

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## **Social Media for Your Business (Digital Main Street)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 1 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Toronto Digital Service Squad will give you with a better understanding of how to leverage the power of social media.

## **Young Songwriters "Course and a Concert"**

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 1 5:00 pm

Address: video conference, or outdoors

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Participants learn to write a song and perform it. A 3hr event.

Young Songwriters are 2 children 1 teen and 1 adult. Lead by Ron Beer singer songwriter.

author and animator. Fun for the Whole Family . We are insured have police check and reference upon request.

## **Together We Rise Durham: Celebrating Black Achievements in Durham Region**

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 1 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Live Event February 1 | 7 p.m.**



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**Black  
History  
Month**

## **You're invited to attend Durham Region's Black History Month Celebration!**

The **"Together We Rise Durham" Black History Month Committee** is hosting a live panel discussion that will celebrate Black achievements and focus on local frontline health-care heroes.

This year's theme is **"Celebrating Black Achievements in Durham Region,"** and includes a panel discussion with health-care professionals, including:

- Dr. Adwoa Amamoo
- Natasha Gray, Registered Nurse
- Jacqueline Chen, Healthcare Leader and President of the Jamaican Canadian Association of Nurses
- Jamere Bembridge, Advanced Care Paramedic

This resilient panel will discuss their experiences during the pandemic.

## Virtual Event Details

**Date:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022

**Time:** 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Event link:** [Join event](#)

Registration is not required. For viewing on a mobile device, please download and install the free Microsoft Teams app prior to the event. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Wednesday, February 2, 2022

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### Black History Month Rise Up (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 2 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Welcome to our second annual Black History Month event, with this year's focus on inspiration! This half-day event will feature four tremendous speakers and an opportunity to network.

### Works Committee Meeting

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## **Transit Executive Committee Meeting**

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 2 1:30 pm

## **BACD Business Fundamentals: Financials and Operations**

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 2 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Take better control of your business by understanding the accounting basics. We will also discuss why developing operational strategies can help you make more money.

## **Writing Successful Web Content (The Digital Main Street Webinar Series)**

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 2 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Great website content can help you achieve your site's desired results - whether that's more sales, more signups, or more visitors. But before you've put a pen (or cursor, if you like) to page, you have to do your research. This webinar will help you write better content for your website that will appeal to your target audience, as well as search engines such as Google.

### ***You'll learn:***

- How to write for your target audience
- How to develop a consistent voice and tone for your brand
- The tricks professional copywriters use to create website content that speaks to your ideal client or customer
- What role search engine optimization (SEO) plays in content development
- How often to refresh the content on your website, and whether you need a blog or not

## **Thursday, February 3, 2022**

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### **Ahead by a Century: Inspiring the Next Generation of Transportation (Toronto Region Board of Trade)**

Date and Time: Thursday, February 3 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Address: 1 First Canadian Place - Toronto Region Board of Trade

## Welcome to the 7th Annual Transportation Summit

Our annual transportation Summit offers you the opportunity to network with the industry's most influential leaders, engage in conversations on crucial issues for our region, and experience an unforgettable roster of lively speakers. Secure your spot now and look forward to a day of new connections and ideas from an extraordinary mix of transportation advocates, experts, and innovators.

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Careerspace at Trent University will be virtually hosting our four-day annual Career Expo. Trent students are eager to take on new challenges in exciting, creative and remote environments. Gain a valuable team member with fresh ideas; we encourage students to explore options to learn and grow through their academics and personal life while also applying the skills they have learned in a professional setting as an engaged member of their community.

January 26 - Health Sciences and Wellness

February 3 - Community and Public Services

February 9 - Business and Technology

February 17 - Natural Resources and Environment

## Vertical Farming 101: Webinar Series

Date and Time: Thursday, February 3 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

From building a comprehensive business plan to finding the right community partners, this webinar series walks you through the ins-and-outs of vertical farming in our four-part event series.

**Timings and Dates:** This workshop consists of **four** webinar sessions that will occur throughout the month of February 2022. **They are scheduled every Thursday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.**

1. Webinar #1: Introduction to Vertical Farming - Led by OMAFRA | February 3, 2022
2. Webinar #2: Applied Principles of Vertical Farming - Led by Seneca College and York Region | February 10, 2022
3. Webinar #3: Navigating Approvals Process and Permits for Vertical Farming - Led by OMAFRA | February 17, 2022
4. Webinar #4: Community & Academia Partners for Vertical Farming - Led by Durham College and Durham Region | February 24, 2022

## How An Online Store Can Boost Your Business: Free Ontario Program (Digital Main Street)

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How an Online Store Can Boost Your Business: Free Program Funded by the Province of Ontario and corporate partners

The goal of ShopHERE powered By Google is to build and optimize online stores for small independent businesses and artists in just a matter of days. With ShopHERE, businesses get to expand their selling opportunities into the online market.

When I sign up with ShopHERE, what do I get?

- An e-commerce store customized with your information, theme, logo and branding
- Hands-on assistance setting up and launching your online store
- Additional training to support your online store including topics like digital marketing, shipping and inventory management
- Access to free tools to help support the successful launch of your online store

In this webinar you will get the answers to the top questions we've received about the ShopHERE program, including:

- Who is Digital Main Street?
- What is ShopHERE?

- What does it mean to sell online, and why should my business?
- Do I qualify for this program?
- What are the costs involved?
- Do you have any examples of completed websites?

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Date and Time: Saturday, February 5 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 143 Simpson Avenue, Bowmanville, ON

The VAC's newest exhibition, *this is not an atlas*, examines notions of mapping, mythologies, and belonging in the works of artists Jude Abu Zaineh, Bruno Canadien, Bonnie Devine, Maria Hupfield, Teo Monsalve, Su Yu Hsin, and Joseph Tisiga. The gathered works—among them paintings, prints, video and site-specific installations—make visible the histories and realities of sovereignty and resilience by remapping, reorienting, and reclaiming cartography as a decolonial practice. *this is not an atlas* is curated by Noor Alé.

Cartography charted the expansion of European empires into the Americas, Africa, and Asia, fuelling the forced expropriation of Indigenous lands. Authored by surveyors, maps are neither neutral nor objective; they serve as ideological tools articulating power hierarchies, economic motivations, and nationalistic agendas. The exhibition's title is borrowed from a global collection of counter-cartographic writings by artists, environmentalists, and scholars who create maps to engender political activism.

### Artist Biographies:

**Jude Abu Zaineh** is a Palestinian-Canadian interdisciplinary artist and cultural worker. Her practice employs art, food, and technology to investigate meanings of culture, displacement, and belonging. She has presented her work at the Art Gallery of Windsor; Museu de Arte, Arquitetura e Tecnologia, Lisbon; and Centro de Cultura Digital, Mexico City.

**Bruno Canadien** is a member of the Deh Gah Got'íé Kqé First Nation, a Deh Cho Region member of the Dene Nation. In his painting, collage, and drawing practice, Canadien addresses issues surrounding the intersection of First Nations/Tribal sovereignty, resource exploitation, and environmental concerns. Canadien has exhibited his work at Stride Gallery, Calgary; Winnipeg Art Gallery; and Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton.

**Bonnie Devine** is an installation artist, video maker, curator, and writer. A member of the Anishinaabek of Genaabaajing, (Serpent River First Nation) on the north shore of Lake Huron, Devine's work emerges from the storytelling and image-making traditions that are central to Anishinaabe culture. She has exhibited her work at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto; McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg; and National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C.

**Maria Hupfield** is a transdisciplinary artist who activates her work in live performances. She is interested in the formation of shared moments that open spaces for possibility and new narratives. An urban off-reservation member of the Anishinaabek People, she belongs to the Wasauksing First Nation. She has exhibited her work at the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa; Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art; and The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, Toronto.

**Teo Monsalve** is an Ecuadorian artist whose multidisciplinary practice explores themes relating to the natural world of the Andes and the Amazon region of Ecuador. In his practice, Monsalve engages in ideas of interculturality, interspecies relationships, geographical contexts, and metamorphosis, both mythological and botanical. His work was exhibited at No Lugar, Quito; Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver; and Khora Gallery, Quito.

**Su Yuh Hsin** is a Taiwanese artist and filmmaker based in Berlin. She approaches ecology from the point of view of its close relationship with technology. Her lens-based work reflects on technology, ecology, and the critical infrastructure in which the human and non-human converge. She has exhibited her work at the Centre Pompidou, Paris; Museum of Contemporary Art Busan; Taipei Biennial; and ZKM Karlsruhe.

**Joseph Tisiga** is a member of the Kaska Dena Nation whose multidisciplinary practice includes painting, drawing, installation, and performance. His work reflects upon notions of identity and what contributes to this construct—community, nationality, family, history, location, real and imagined memories—to probe questions about the social milieu. He has exhibited his work at the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa; Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe; and Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art.

### **Curator Biography:**

**Noor Alé** is a curator, art historian, and writer. She is the Associate Curator at The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, Toronto. Her curatorial practice examines the intersections of contemporary art with geopolitics, decolonization, and social justice in the Global South. She holds an MA in Art History from The Courtauld Institute of Art, and a BA in Art History from the University of Guelph.

### **Visitor Guidelines**

Before visiting the VAC, please read our [guidelines](#) to learn more about the protocols we are asking our visitors to follow to keep everyone safe and comfortable.

### **Accessibility:**

The Visual Arts Centre of Clarington is a partially accessible venue with an accessible washroom. The front entrance can be accessed by a ramp and an outward-opening door (please note that we do not have an automatic door opener). It is important to note that the Loft Gallery is not accessible by wheelchair. Accessible parking is available on site. For any special assistance or queries about the venue, please call or email us. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Accompanying Image: Teo Monsalve, *Pasto Astronomer*, 2021. Oil and watercolor on inkjet print, 11.8 x 15.7 inches.

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