Events Calendar

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Durham Region Steps for Life 2023

Date and Time: Sunday, May 7 09:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Pickering Nuclear Information Centre, 1675 Montgomery Park Rd., Pickering, ON L1V 2R5

Join us on Sunday, May 7 for our annual Steps for Life fundraising walk in support of families affected by workplace tragedies.

Registration is free and you can participate in-person or at home! Learn more and register today: https://bit.ly/417poYg

Motor City Cat Club's Annual Cat Show

Date and Time: Sunday, May 7 09:00 am - 4:30 pm

Address: Whitby Curling Club

The cats are back after a three year hiatus! Come join us for a day of fun, competition, shopping and of course....cats! Motor City Cat Club was formed in Oshawa in 1978 by five cat lovers. The purposes of the club are to promote the breeding and showing of purebred cats, to educate the public on the care of their feline pets, to promote the well-being of all cats in Durham Region, and to organize cat shows sanctioned by the Canadian Cat Association with whom we have been affiliated since its inception.

Lake Scugog Studio Tour 2023

Date and Time: Sunday, May 7 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE! Lake Scugog Studio Tour 2023

Discover amazing art in Scugog this spring! The annual Lake Scugog Studio Tour will take place Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th, 2023 from 10AM - 5PM.

This self-guided tour features 36 artists at 15 sites across Scugog. Visit the studios and explore the fantastic creations of artists making work right here in your community — Scugog is home to practitioners of all types of mediums; painters, printmakers sculptors, jewellers, woodworkers, metalworkers, textile artists, and much more. Learn something new, meet your favourite artists, and maybe even take home a special piece of art that was made by hand, all while enjoying the scenic views in Scugog and historic downtown Port Perry.

To get a sneak peek of what's to come during this year's tour, follow @scugogstudiotour on Facebook and Instagram for all updates and news. Be sure to check out www.scugogstudiotour.com to view the profiles of each artist. Plan which sites you'd like to visit, find your favourites, or discover someone new!

The Lake Scugog Studio Tour is proudly part of Small Town Big 2023, an exciting, multi-disciplinary arts festival with events organized by various presenters taking place May 6th - 14th. Small Town Big features a variety of in-person, online, and outdoor events bringing together arts practitioners to showcase the vibrant art scene that Scugog has to offer.

Keep an eye out on the Scugog Arts website and social media, and subscribe to our newsletter to learn more.

Save the date for the 2023 Lake Scugog Studio Tour - taking place Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th.

Monday, May 8, 2023

Film and Television Industry Career Fair

Date and Time: Monday, May 8 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 21 Avenue of Champions Oshawa, ON L1G 0C5

New studios are opening across Canada and the Greater Toronto Area. Film and television production volumes are rising at unprecedented rates! This booming industry provides work opportunities from script to screen to special effects. Learn about these opportunities in Durham Region and beyond.

Creating a movie or TV series requires a broad range of skills and interests and provides many well-paying, high-quality film jobs. Attend the Film and Television Industry Career Fair and meet industry professionals, visit interactive displays, and experience what it is like behind-the-scenes.

Learn about these career opportunities:

- Cinematography/Camera Department
- Production Sound
- Location Scouting
- Costume Design
- Hair and Makeup
- Grip Department
- Actor/Performer
- Gaffer and Electrical
- Props creation
- Animation
- Visual FX
- Accounting
- Directors
- Video Editing
- …and many more!

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting (CANCELLED)

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 9 09:30 am

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 9 07:30 pm

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 10 09:30 am

Durham College Artist Talks

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 10 01:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: The Robert McLaughlin Gallery 72 Queen St. Civic Centre Oshawa, ON

Join us at 1pm on May 10th for an artist-led tour of Emerging Visions, an exhibition that presents thesis projects by the third-year graduating students of the Fine Arts Advanced program at Durham College.

We welcome staff and students from Durham College and any members of the public who want to learn more about specific projects and hear about the journey from conception to fabrication to presentation. This event is free and open to everyone. If there are ways we can support your participation, please contact Hannah at hkeating@rmg.on.ca.

This exhibition is generously supported by the RBC Foundation's Emerging Artist Project.

Opening Day Live Quarter Horse Racing at Ajax Downs

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 10 01:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 50 Alexanders Crossing

Live Quarter Horse Racing

May to October

Wednesdays and special Sundays

No Admission fees, Free parking, All ages welcome

Thursday, May 11, 2023

PROBUS Club of Durham West

Date and Time: Thursday, May 11 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 75 Centennial Road, Ajax Community Centre, HMS Room, Ajax ON

PROBUS clubs provide opportunities to meet with others with similar interests. Meeting new people, making new friends, discovering new interests are just some of the advantages of being a PROBUS member.

Our members are retired business and professional persons residing in Durham Region, including Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Brooklin, Oshawa and other areas. Our monthly meetings feature informative and entertaining speakers. They usually consist of a business portion of about a half hour, a thirty minute socializing and coffee followed by a stimulating 45 minute presentation by a guest speaker. Meetings end at noon. Along with monthly social events and 21 activity groups who meet regularly, its a great way to meet new people. See our website on How to Join at https://durhamwestprobus.org/page-18068

Dr. Amy Barron and "The Dawn of Writing" Lecture

Date and Time: Thursday, May 11 06:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Scugog Memorial Public Library

The Dawn of Writing

Thursday, May 11th, 6pm - 8pm

Scugog Memorial Public Library - Rotary Room

Tickets - $15 at www.scugogarts.ca/small-town-big/

Join Dr. Amy Barron to learn about how man first learned to write in ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt!

How did mankind first learn to record his thoughts in writing? And why? These are some of the questions we will look at in this whirlwind tour through 4000 years of history as people of the Middle East developed the first forms of communication.

Friday, May 12, 2023

Mini Makers Pop-Up

Date and Time: Friday, May 12 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Address: 62 King St W. Bowmanville, ON

Join us for an event to support our young entrepreneurs! The mini makers pop-up will feature vendors aged 17 & under, in lots of different categories. We will have greeting cards, plants, accessories, and sweet treats!

Comedy Night with Elvira Kurt and Girls Nite Out!

Date and Time: Friday, May 12 08:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: Town Hall 1873

Scugog Arts presents Elvira Kurt and Girls Nite Out!

Friday, May 12th, 8pm - 10pm

Town Hall 1873, 302 Queen St, Port Perry

Tickets - $40 available at https://townhalltheatre.ca/

You are invited to a night of laughs and comedy with Elvira Kurt and Girls Nite Out!

Girls Nite Out is an all female, all funny stand-up and improv comedy ensemble featuring CBC darlings, Canadian Comedy Award Winners and Second City including: *Jennine Profeta, Elvira Kurt, Diana Frances* and *Karen Parker*. Gather your gal pals for a sizzling night of stand-up and improvised comedy fit for the feistiest furnished by some of Canada's top women in comedy!

Saturday, May 13, 2023

The Wanted outdoor concert at Two Blokes Cider

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 02:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: Two Blokes Cider

The Wanted, Roots Americana Band

Saturday May 13th, 2pm

Two Blokes Cider - 21300 Simcoe St, Seagrave

Tickets $20 at www.scugogarts.ca/small-town-big/

Come enjoy honest and gritty roots music— full-throated and full-throttle, with edgy licks, infectious rhythms and soaring harmonies.

Scugog Compost Event

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 08:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Municipal Boat Launch, 2 Old Rail Lane, Port Perry

Collected leaf and yard waste is processed into nutrient-rich compost. In the spring, residents are invited to our complimentary compost giveaways. Quantities are first-come, first served and limited to four blue boxes of compost per vehicle.

Green bins, blue boxes, blue box lids and backyard composters will also be available for purchase (VISA, Mastercard, debit or e-transfer only), and broken bins can be exchanged for free.

What should I bring?

- Shovels: residents are responsible for shovelling their own compost.
- Containers: blue boxes, reusable containers, yard waste bags.

Whitby Compost Event

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 08:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Whitby Operations Centre, 333 McKinney Drive, Whitby

Collected leaf and yard waste is processed into nutrient-rich compost. In the spring, residents are invited to our complimentary compost giveaways. Quantities are first-come, first served and limited to four blue boxes of compost per vehicle.

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small town BIG arts festival

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 09:00 am - 9:00 pm

Address: Various locations across Scugog

small town BIG is coming! Don't miss out!

From May 6th to May 13th, 2023, experience the creativity of Scugog during our ***small town BIG*** arts festival! Discover all this small town has to offer. Enjoy art, literature, film, photography, theatre, live music, and more during our 8 day long festival! There are 21 events included in the festival, some of the highlights are;

- Girls Nite out Comedy Night with Elvira Kurt. Need a laugh? Join us at Town Hall Theatre on May 12th for a comedy night that will leave you in stitches.
- If you love live music you are not going to want to miss The Wanted outdoor concert at Two Blokes Cider on May 13th! Be sure to bring the whole family!
- For those of us who love literature, make sure you've BOOKed off May 11th for The Dawn of Writing Lecture by Dr. Amy Barron
- Missed out on the Mural Marathon? No worries! Join Scugog Arts throughout the week to Paint Barn Quilt Mural boards!

There is something happening every day, from Saturday May 6th to Saturday May 13th 2023, and we have something for everyone. Check out the full line-up at www.scugogarts.ca/small-town-big/ We can't wait to see you there!

Mother's Day at the Farm | Dine-in at the Willowtree Cafe!

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 09:00 am - 3:00 pm

Address: 975 Durham Regional Rd 21. Port Perry, ON. L9L 1B5

Celebrate Mom with us!

This Mother's Day we're taking reservations in the Willowtree Café so you can treat Mom to a tasty meal from our kitchen!

Our chef has put together a delicious line-up, made with fresh Ontario produce, premium proteins, and some of our favourite flavours that Mom is sure to love! Everything is scratch-made on-site, and made-to-order.

Our patio will also be open that weekend for outdoor dining on a first come, first serve basis.

Reservations

We'll be taking reservations for Saturday, May 13th & Sunday, May 14th.

You will have one hour seating. The following time slots are available:

- 9am to 10am
- 10am to 11am
- 11am to noon
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THE MENU

BREAKFAST

French Toast $11
2 slices with a Berry Compote & Willowtree Maple Syrup.

Bagel B.E.L.T $9
Bacon, Egg, Lettuce & Tomato toasted on a Plain Bagel with Mayo.

Farmers Wrap $10
Tortilla Wrap stuffed with Eggs, Sausage, Seasoned Home Fries & Chipotle Mayo.

LUNCH

Turkey, Apple & Brie Wrap $11
Turkey, Apple, Brie, Tomato & Greens with Dijon Mustard in a Tortilla Wrap.

Taco Salad $10
Black Beans, Tomato, Corn, Green Onions, and Cheese with Mixed Greens, topped with Seasoned Tortilla Chips and Tex-Mex Ranch Dressing.

Egg Salad $9
House-made Egg Salad on a bed of greens.

Buffalo Chicken Flatbread $11
Flatbread topped with Buffalo Shredded Chicken and Cheese, drizzled with Ranch.

KIDS
Served with Fruit or Veggies

- Chicken Fingers $6
- Cheese Pizza $6
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich $6

HIGH TEA PLATTER $60

Tea for Two (Serves 2)

Includes:

- Mini Cream Cheese & Cucumber Dill Sandwiches
- Mini Egg Salad with Green Onion Sandwiches
- Mini Roast Beef with Sun Dried Tomato Aioli Sandwiches
- Mini Buttermilk Scones with Willowtree Farm Homemade Raspberry Jam, Butter, and Clotted Whip Cream
- Shortbread Cookies
- Mini Lemon Lavender Bars
- Madeleines
- Meringues
- English Breakfast/Earl Grey Teabags

(Please note: no substitutions available on the high tea platter)

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Address: 62 King St W. Bowmanville, ON

This is the perfect opportunity to shop for all of the mama's in your life, come out and support local vendors or enjoy an afternoon shopping with your mom!

We will have between 18 & 24 vendors popping up with us with so many products to shop from; jewerly, candles, body care, blankets, cookies, flower art and more. Don't forget to stop by our cafe for a coffee and treat before you leave!

Adam Basanta: Every Beloved Object

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Adam Basanta's Every Beloved Object returns to ancient architectural techniques as it looks toward new systems of human consumption. By returning to basic motions of trash collection and architectural assembly, we reflect on our early origins to create new monuments to everyday debris.

Heather Nicol: Prelude/Requiem

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Heather Nicol's newest audio work *Prelude/Requiem* positions itself at both extremes of the human life cycle. Built upon songs for lulling infants to sleep or easing passage into a final resting place, this immersive sound installation uses multichannel audio and light to encourage introspection across oral cultures.

Mother’s Day Tea at RMG

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Address: 72 Queen St. Civic Centre Oshawa, ON

Come join us for tea on Mother's Day at The RMG!

$55/adult

$28/ child under 12

Berry Hill Food Co. will be hosting seatings on May 13th and 14th. Bring all the moms for delicious prix fixe with tantalizing teas. Then tour our exhibitions and a visit to the RMG Shop. Treat the special people in your life, to local artisan treasures. Guests in for Tea will receive a 10% discount at the Shop.

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Autism Fun Fair

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Address: Heydenshore Pavilion 589 Water St, Whitby, ON L1N 9V9

Join us for a fun day of family fun including carnival games, activities and food provided by Gangsta Cheese Food Truck all in support of Durham Region's autistic and intellectually disabled community.

Admission is Free. Donations are welcome and all profits will go towards the #ABAforAll campaign to build capacity to serve underfunded children, youth and adults with autism and intellectual disabilities in need of ABA therapy.

Summer Union Cemetery Tour

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 02:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Union Cemetery, 760 King Street West, Oshawa

The Oshawa Museum is proud to continue its partnership with Oshawa Union Cemetery in offering monthly cemetery tours May through August.

Join the Oshawa Museum on the second Saturday afternoon in May, June, July and August to tour through Oshawa's largest cemetery, Union Cemetery. Each month, a different section or theme will be explored; Oshawa Museum guides share stories of well-known citizens and of everyday people who made Oshawa the community it is. The tours begin at 2pm at the front gates of Union Cemetery.

Cost: $5/person or free for members of the Oshawa Historical Society.
This tour runs rain or shine!
It is recommended that participants park at the nearby Oshawa Civic Recreation Complex (99 Thornton Road South) as parking at Union Cemetery is very limited (5 minute walk)

Andy G and Friends

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 02:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 78 Church St S, Ajax ON

Canadian Folk-Roots artist Andy Griffiths' love of music has led him to write a number of original songs. His family, friends and even his pets, have been a key source of inspiration of the songs he writes. This is most evident with his smash hit "OUR CAT FLASH". Andy's shows mostly feature his own music, with some classic children's music thrown in for good measure. His concerts are interactive and fun for both children and parents.

"Andy Griffiths' charm, melodic voice, and lovely guitar music won over the visitors at Artfest Toronto. His vast repertoire of favourite tunes was impressive...and his natural ability of connecting with the crowd. Charming!"

Lory MacDonald - Artistic Director and General Manager, Artfest Ontario

Summer Exhibitions Opening Reception: Heather Nicol + Adam Basanta

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 02:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The Visual Arts Centre of Clarington (VAC) invites you to attend its Summer Exhibitions Opening Reception on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 2 - 4 PM. Join Curator Megan Kammerer for a guided walkthrough of this season's multimedia installations alongside exhibiting artists Adam Basanta and Heather Nicol.