

# Macdonald Stewart Art Centre boasts galleries and outdoor area

The Macdonald Stewart Art Centre opened in 1980. It consists of seven galleries on three floors and is one of only a few public galleries in Canada that has two and a half acres of property for sculpture.

The sculpture area is called the Donald Forster Sculpture Park, named after Professor Forster (President of the University of

Guelph from 1975-1983) who was the key to obtaining the Art Centre's funding by its sponsors.

The Centre is funded by the City of Guelph, Wellington County, the Wellington County Board of Education and the University of Guelph. The park contains permanent sculptures for viewing and has

designated landscape areas for exhibitions, special outdoor events and public use.

Whether the artworks are a permanent part of the centre or on loan, the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre's collection draws visitors from a great distance.

Overall highlights include works by artists Paul Peel, James Wilson Morrice, Tom Thomson, David Milne, Jean-Paul Riopelle and Paul Fournier. The Art Centre also boasts a collection of almost 400 Inuit drawings from major northern communities as far as Baker Lake and the Rankin Inlet. The Inuit Collection is designed to give recognition to this area of Inuit art previously neglected.

Between 60 and 100 new acquisitions are added to the Centre each year through purchases, donations and bequests. Approximately 22 exhibitions are presented every year, 75 per cent of which are organized by the Centre's staff. Many of these exhibitions are displayed on provincial or national tours and on occasion, they tour internationally.

Special collections will carry with them a number of educational tours to aid in instruction such as slide narratives, changing exhibitions and occasionally the use of the computer in art education.

The Macdonald Stewart Art Centre and the Donald Forster Sculpture Park will continue to add various works by Canadian artists and sculptures. Its main objective is to serve the immediate community and art in Canada.

The Art Centre and park is open Tuesday to Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Access from Highway 401: 100 km west of Toronto, at exit 299, to Highway 46 (Brock Road). Located 14 km north at the edge of the University of Guelph Campus. Free parking.



The Macdonald Stewart Art Centre in Guelph is unique in that it is one of only a few public galleries in the country that has two and a half acres of outdoor area for sculpture called the Donald Forster Sculpture Park. Twenty-two exhibitions are presented at the Art Centre annually, most of which are organized by the staff. Above: One of the sculptures to be found at the park: MASK by Evan Penny.

(Photo submitted)

## Nature's secrets Kortright's features

**Kleinburg** - The secrets of nature are revealed through summer events at Kortright. Wildlife, meadows full of flowers and honey bees, and the mysteries of river currents are the focus of attention this season. Most summer programs are included in the cost of admission. Programs and events are suitable for all ages.

Special events include two Bat Nights, one in July and another in August. Participants learn that bats are not the fearsome creatures of legend and folklore. Nightlife, on August 23, offers a look at rarely seen night animals such as flying squirrels, bats, and coyotes. Advance tickets are required for special events.

For those who enjoy quiet, unguided walks, Kortright Centre has a diverse habitat of open fields, forested valley lands with paths, and eight kilometres of streams and rivers. Bring a picnic lunch or visit the Kortright Cafe. A visit to Kortright can be combined with a visit to the nearby McMichael Canadian Art Collection for a real day in the country.

### SUMMER PROGRAMS DURING JULY AND AUGUST (included with admission to the Kortright Centre)

**The Forest Floor** - A few centimetres of forest topsoil support an incredible variety of life, including inhabitants such as mice. Visitors can view a mouse's nest or catch sight of a salamander as a Kortright naturalist leads the way. July weekends and holidays, at 1:00 p.m.

**Riverside Meanders** - A guided walk along the Humber River to observe its effect on nearby plants and animals. July weekends and holidays, at 2:30 p.m.

**The Power Trip** - This self-guided audio tour presents an overview of Kortright's solar and wind power facilities. July and August, 7 days a week, upon request.

**Nature Walks** - A pleasant, guided, weekday stroll. Topics include wildlife and vegetation. July and August weekdays, at 2:00 p.m.

**Nature Hikes** - Topics vary, from birding to wildflowers. July and August weekends and holidays, at 11:30 a.m.

**The Bee Space** - Visitors can stand behind a protective screen

and come face-to-face with more than two million bees. A beekeeper will answer questions and offer a taste of fresh, natural honey. July and August weekends and holidays, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Little Critters** - Parents and children observe toads, frogs, snakes, salamanders, mice and chipmunks, while a Kortright naturalist talks about their life cycles and habitats. August, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 2:00 p.m.

**River Currents** - Toss a stick into a stream or watch the path of biodegradable dye. Both methods reveal the pattern of river currents and show how canoeists "read" a river. August weekends and holidays, at 1:00 p.m.

**Meadow Flowers** - A Kortright naturalist helps visitors identify the multitude of flowers that bloom in Kortright's meadows. First and second weekend in August plus Civic Holiday, at 2:30 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Nightlife** - A special evening, a look at rarely seen night animals such as flying squirrels, bats, and coyotes. A variety of insect species will also be explored. Bring flashlights and insect repellent. Advance tickets are required. \$5 members, \$6 non-members. Call (416) 832-2289, during regular business hours. Visa and Master Card accepted. August 23, Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Bat Night** - Dr. Brock Fenton, from York University, is Canada's renowned bat expert. He'll reveal what's fact and what's fiction about these delicate creatures. Touch a bat, if you're brave enough, or just watch as they are released into the night sky and tracked with sonar detectors. Bring flashlights and insect repellent. Advance tickets are required. \$5 members, \$6 non-members. Call (416) 832-2289, during regular business hours. Visa and Master Card accepted. July 12 and August 16, 8:00 p.m.

**Directions:** Take Highway 401 to Major Mackenzie Drive (at Canada's Wonderland), go west three kilometres to Pine Valley Drive, then south one kilometre. For more information call (416) 661-6600.

## Burdette Gallery celebrates anniversary

The Burdette Wildlife Gallery in Orton, Ontario is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year. A family-run business, the Gallery is located in a country setting featuring wildlife sculptures in wood, original paintings, limited edition prints and stone sculptures.

The Gallery represents a number of internationally-known artists such as Robert Bateman, Trisha Romance, Donna Weatherall and many more. Robert Bateman will be

at the Gallery on October 13th to sign his new book, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Gallery is open from 10 to 5 Sunday to Thursday. On Friday the Gallery is open from 10 to 4:30.

Take the 401 to Trafalgar Road. Follow Trafalgar Road north through Hillsburgh (becoming Highway 25). At Dufferin Road 3 (there will be a flashing yellow light), turn left. Turn left again on Concession Road 11. The Gallery is half a mile down on the right hand side.

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