

Helson Gallery partners with OPAS for annual Norval scenery painting event

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The Helson Gallery is partnering with the Ontario Plein Air Society (OPAS) for an exciting project for painters.

On Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., artists are invited to paint one of Norval's many scenic locations. Afterwards, each painting will be exhibited and adjudicated.

The paintings will be judged by Neville Clarke, a noted artist and past president of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, and he will award a total of \$500 in prize money.

"This event provides an excellent opportunity for our local artists to stand alongside their peers from across the province," Mayor Rick Bonnette said. "It's also a great way to promote the scenic beauty of Halton Hills."

Registration and exhibi-



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William Band (centre) shows off his painting titled "Manse" that won first place in 2015. Presenting the award are judges Judy Daley (left), Curator at the Helson Art Gallery and Gerrie Lovey, Assistant Curator at the Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives.

tion will be held at Carter Farms, 9880 Winston Churchill Blvd., in Norval. Artists may paint scenery on the property or at other nearby Norval locations, such as Willow Park. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. and the \$10 entrance fee is waived for members of the OPAS. Artists may begin painting at 9:30 a.m. and must return with their work to Carter

Farm no later than 12:30 p.m.

The awards ceremony taking place at 2 p.m. is open to the public.

The Helson Gallery is located at 9 Church St., Georgetown, and is open from 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays, and the weekend, and 1-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The Gallery and Cultural Centre is closed Sundays during the summer months.

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