

# Plein Air and Paint-Out events planned in Norval on Saturday

The public is invited to join the Plein Air painters from the Ontario Plein Air Society (OPAS) and local painters as they find their favourite spot to paint in the community of Norval on Saturday, Aug. 22.

With a rich history and scenic location on the Credit River, the community of Norval is the perfect spot for plein air painting. Norval offers artists the natural beauty of the Willow Park Ecology Centre in the Silver Creek watershed along with architectural and historic sites of interest. Local treasures include historic cemeteries and churches such as the Presbyterian Church and Manse which was the home of Lucy Maud Montgomery from 1926—1935.

The host venue, Carter Farms also offers woodland, meadow, pasture, and river locations for painting.

This day is NOT just for more experienced artists! Younger artists are invited to come down to Willow Park Ecology Centre where they can register for their own PAINT-OUT event and receive instructions and materials to create a masterpiece using paints, crayons, pencils, pastels, or a combination of any media.

Not only kids are invited to paint, but everyone who would like to try their hand at outdoor painting without the pressure of competition can register at Willow Park.

If you just want to watch the painters as they work or have a BBQ lunch at Carter Farms or maybe purchase one of the paintings that have been created that morning, come down to Norval and check out the latest community venture.

Refreshments will be available for a minimal cost at Carter Farm (BBQ lunch, drinks, and ice cream).

#### IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE OPAS CHALLENGE:

- Registration and exhibition location: Carter Farms, 9880 Winston Churchill Blvd., Norval, [www.carterfarms.ca](http://www.carterfarms.ca)



An artist at last year's Plein Air event in downtown Georgetown. Submitted photo

- Registration: 8:45-9:30 a.m. Painting starts at 9:30 a.m. Medium of your choice.

- 12:30 pm: You must be back at the registration area to prepare your work for judging. Judging begins at 12:45 p.m. At 2 p.m. the awards will be announced.

- Registration fee: Non-OPAS members: \$10; OPAS members: free (OPAS membership: \$30)

- \$500 in prizes sponsored by the York Wilson Foundation for the Visual Arts

#### IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE WPEC PAINT-OUT:

- Details and sign up online at [www.willow-parkecolgy.ca](http://www.willow-parkecolgy.ca)— so that organizers know how many supplies are needed.

- Registration: \$5 each or \$15 family of four to cover supply costs.

- Painting starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at noon when everyone will go to Carter Farm to join the Plein Air painters for lunch and exhibition of the works.

This event is organized by the Ontario Plein Air Society (OPAS) in conjunction with Willow Park Ecology Centre, Credit Valley Artisans, Norval Community Association, and the Helson Gallery.



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