

VARLEY

THE FREDERICK HORSMAN VARLEY
ART GALLERY OF MARKHAM
31 MAY, 1997

Programs

The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery of Markham in conjunction with the Kathleen Gormley McKay Art Centre is committed to sustaining and nurturing the creative spirit of Frederick Varley and the Canadian art scene through:

- collecting, preserving and displaying the art of F.H. Varley, his contemporaries and Canadian art collectively,
- supporting the work of contemporary artists,
- offering studio art classes and workshops,
- developing formal educational programs for audiences of all ages and interests,
- presenting special events, performances, hands-on art activities, lectures, films and other public programs,
- conducting current research and publishing materials relating to the permanent collection and temporary exhibitions.

Exhibitions

The gallery's two exhibition areas feature works by regional and national artists with a special focus on the art of F.H. Varley.

Frequently-changing exhibi-



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tions display art from the permanent collection, as well as historical and contemporary exhibitions in a variety of media drawn from local, national and international sources.

Following the inaugural opening exhibition, *Varley: A Celebration*, the gallery will host the first annual York Regional Juried Exhibition which will feature selected works by practising artists in York Region. Upcoming exhibitions by local artists at the Kathleen Gormley McKay Art Centre this spring and summer include: an exhibition by students of the McKay Art Centre (28 May to 5 June), an exhibition by the Markham Group of Artists (7 June to 26 June) and an exhibition featuring the work of Regina Dawe (28 June to 29 June).

Group Tours

Lively and comprehensive group tours of exhibitions and the McKay Art Centre encourage interactive visitor participation. During *Varley: A Celebration*, guided-tours are available for groups of 15 or more.

School Programs

Innovative tour and studio/tour programs with an emphasis on the permanent collection and changing exhibitions are offered to pre-school, elementary, secondary and post-secondary students.

Studio Courses and Workshops

Professional instructors teach a variety of visual art classes, host demonstrations and share their expertise with participants in a studio environment.

Summer classes offered between July-August include: Adult Outdoor Studio, Adult Mixed Media Studio and Summer Art Camp for children.

Courses and Lectures

Art appreciation courses and special lectures designed to stimulate discussion on a wide range of

topics are offered in conjunction with exhibitions and art-related issues. Upcoming lectures include: guest-curator, Robert Stacey on *Varley: A Celebration* in June and other topics relating to the history of Canadian art in the fall.



Watch for upcoming lectures on Varley's work.

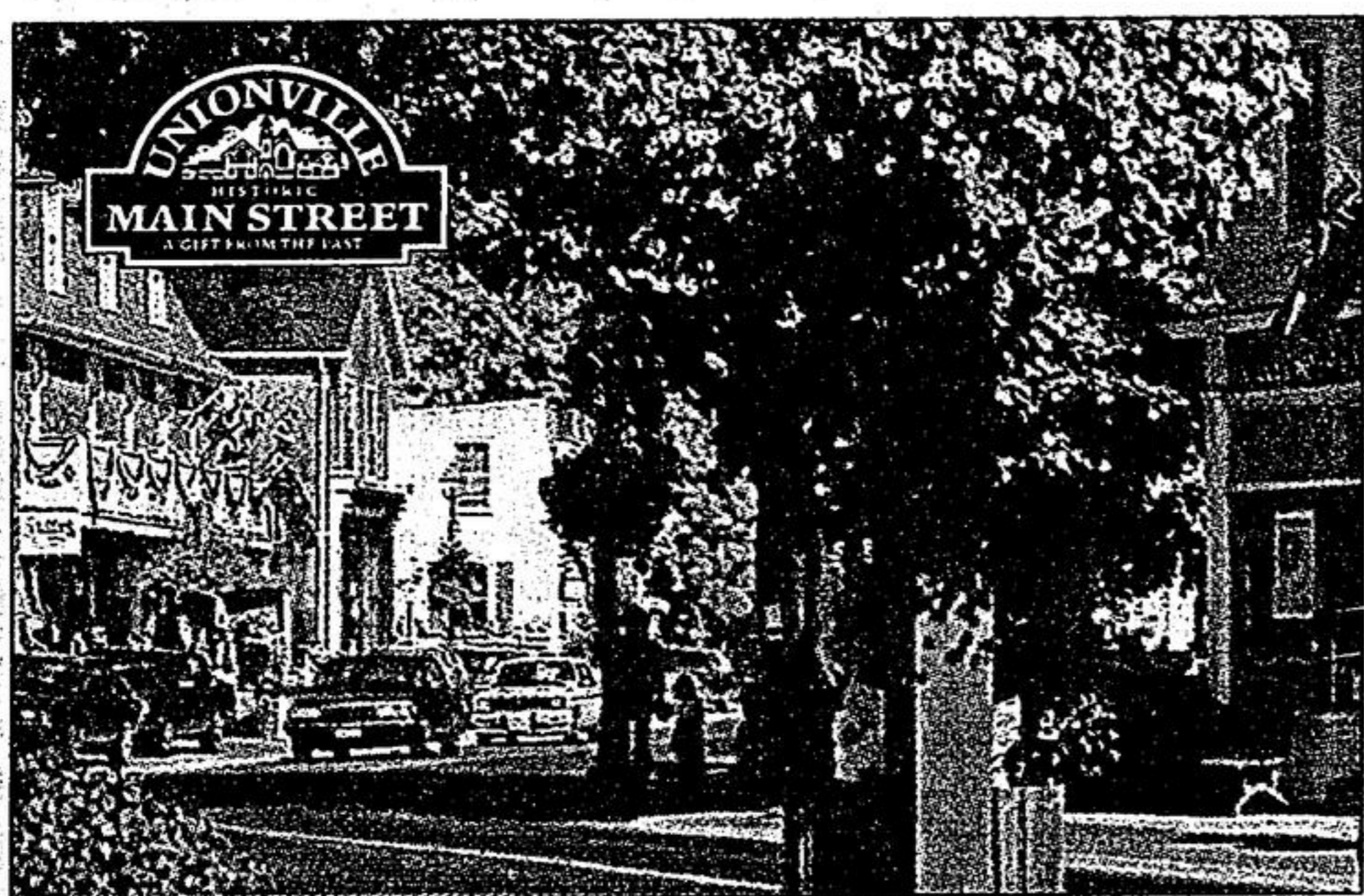
Family Activities

Weekends and special calendar occasions offer a range of engaging interactive family activities focusing on the creation and exploration of art. Family Sundays including studio activities and family-oriented self-guided tours are offered every Sunday in June, July and August.

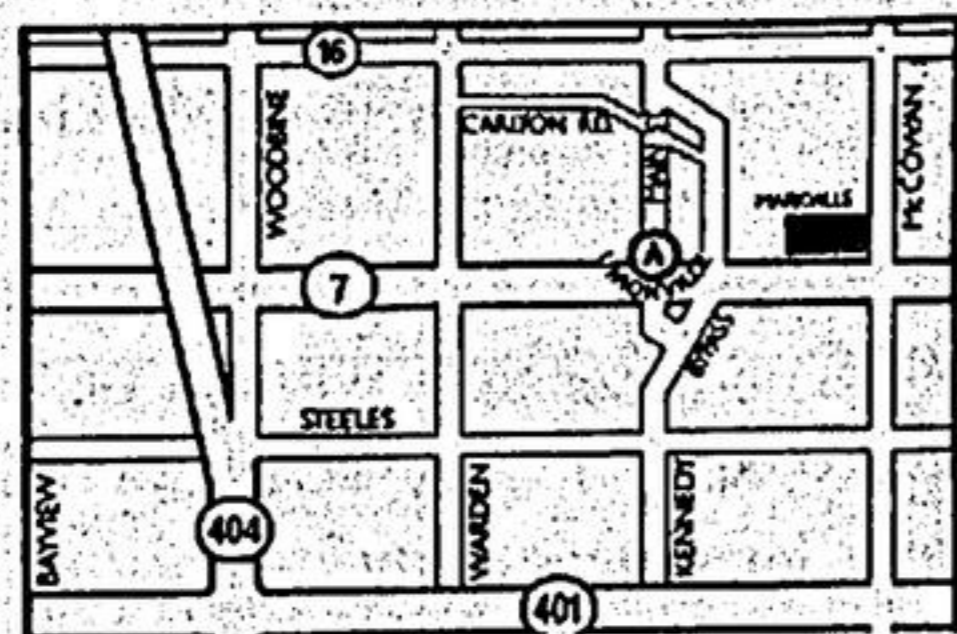
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