



Calling All Visual Artists

2012 Art Exhibitions at McLean Community Centre

The Town of Ajax offers hanging space at McLean Community Centre (95 Magill Drive, Ajax) for seven exhibitions per year. The exhibits run for approximately 5 weeks and are available in the East or West Hall Gallery OR both galleries. The Town of Ajax will provide, **free** of charge, all hanging equipment, artwork installation, and promotion on the Town website. PineRidge Arts Council (PRAC) will provide title cards, technical guidance for the exhibit hanging and promotion of the exhibition through their newsletter.

Interested artists are required to submit:

- A short biography (either individual or group) and 2 to 3 line description of the artwork and exhibition that can be posted with the exhibit.
- Six to eight high quality photographs (4"X6" minimum) of samples of work, per artist. Photographs should be of work only and not include matting/framing etc. Please put your name on the back of all photographs submitted.
- A completed application form

Applications are due by Friday, November 25th, 2012

Please mail or drop off the application to:

PineRidge Arts Council

Attention: Gwen Williams, Visual Arts Coordinator

542 Rougemount Drive,

Pickering, ON L1W 2C2



For further information visit www.townofajax.com or www.pineridgearts.org or contact Gwen Williams, PRAC, at 905-831-6057 or togwen@rogers.com or Sharlene Melnike, Town of Ajax at 905-619-2529 ext. 7232.

Terms of Entry

1. Artists must be residents of the Town of Ajax or current members of PRAC.
2. Entries submitted must be original works (no copies or works by other visual artists, whether paintings, photographs, illustrations or photographic reproductions).
3. Artists will be limited to one solo showing in any one year period. This includes solo shows that hang simultaneously (See #8)
4. Work must remain on site until the completion of the show.
5. Work must be appropriately presented. Each piece must be framed and have rings or screw eyes on both sides at the back placed no more than one third down from the top of the frame (so work does not lean out from the wall). The wire must be taut and of sufficient gauge to hold the work properly when hanging from chains. Wet art, faulty or poorly wired frames, or those with only saw hooks, will not be accepted for hanging.
6. Work (including frame) must be a minimum size of 8" X 10". Works that are smaller than 8" X 10" are at an increased risk for theft and will not be accepted.
7. Artists must deliver and pick up the work on the required date and time or make alternate arrangements with someone else to do so.
8. Two separate solo shows may be scheduled during the same dates (one show West Hall, one show East Hall). PRAC will coordinate the solo shows. Small group showings of more than two artists are also encouraged for the entire gallery space.
9. The Artist will be responsible for transporting and delivering all art work. Overall exhibition co-ordination and technical assistance will be provided by the Visual Arts Coordinator of PRAC.
10. Insurance coverage will be the responsibility of the artist.
11. Decisions on selected exhibitions and timing will be made by a Selection Committee and communicated to all applicants/artists. The Selection Committee reserves the right of final decision on the suitability of subject matter.
12. The Town reserves the right to remove any work at any time and agrees to contact the Artist if any work is removed so the Artist can pick up the removed work.
13. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time on three (3) days notice.
14. The artist must submit a short bio and photograph to PRAC along with a two line description of your art exhibit four weeks prior to your display for publicity purposes.

15. The artist submitting the application form is responsible for communicating the information contained in the package to the other artists in the case of group shows.
16. PRAC retains a 20% commission on any works sold during the show. Artwork sold, must remain on exhibit for the duration of the show. Substitutions will not be permitted. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the artist.
17. Prior to the exhibition starting date artists are to submit a listing of their artwork and values (see attached Artist Exhibition Form) to Gwen Williams, PRAC Visual Arts Coordinator. On the installation date the artist must bring another copy of the listing to the McLean Community Centre Customer Service desk to mail internally to Sharlene Melnike, Ajax Community Centre.

General Information

The McLean Community Centre is located at 95 Magill Drive, Ajax. It is directly east of Westney Road, north of Hwy #2. The McLean Community Centre is open Monday to Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The telephone number is 905-428-7711

The East Hall and West Hall Gallery space can exhibit approximately 45 pieces of artwork. The total number of pieces in each hallway will depend upon the sizes of your work. It is recommended that artists view the exhibition area prior to hanging their show. Display space is not suitable for sculpture or three dimensional work.

The Town of Ajax provides all hanging equipment (chains, s- hooks, ladder) and artwork installation and removal during the dates and times assigned. The exhibit will be promoted on the Town website. The Town will provide signage for the exhibition as well as an advertisement on the News Advertiser community page and/or Town website, depending on availability of space.

PRAC coordinates the exhibit with the artist, provides title cards, assists with the layout of the art exhibit and will promote the exhibition through their newsletter and website.

Artists may arrange an opening reception by contacting the Facility Manager at McLean Community Centre to set-up a date and time. Artists are responsible for coordinating and providing all supplies required for this event. If you wish to serve alcoholic beverages, the reception must be held in a Community Room (rental fee applies) and a Special Occasion Permit is required. Individuals and groups must comply with the Town of Ajax Municipal Alcohol Policy.

**2012 Art Exhibition Application Form
McLean Community Centre**

Due November 25th, 2011

Name of Artist		
Full Address		
Telephone	Home:	Cell:
Email		

Showing Preference:

2012 Exhibition Dates	East or West Hall (X)	East & West Hall (X)	Exhibition Dates Please indicate 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd choice
January 03- February 06			
February 06 - March 19			
March 19 - April 23			
April 23 – May 28			
May 28 – July 3	Ajax Creative Arts Group Exhibit		
July 03 – August 06			
August 06 – Sept. 10			
Sept. 10 - October 22			
October 22 – Nov. 26	PRAC Juried Art Show		
Nov. 26 – Jan. 2013	Photography Exhibit		

Featured Artist Exhibition Form

Name of Artist:	Hanging Date/Time:
Telephone (H) (B)	Dismantling Date/Time:

Listing of Works on Exhibit

	Title	Medium	Sale Price/Value (including applicable taxes)
1.			\$
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
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10.			
11.			
12.			

I understand and agree to abide by the Terms of Entry and General Information. Please provide

Signature: _____ on behalf of all artists in a group showing (where applicable)

Date: _____ 2012.

Featured Artist Exhibition Form - page____

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			\$

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Signature: _____ on behalf of all artists in a group showing (where applicable)

Date: _____ 2012