

IWS Canada and CSPWC/SCPA Invite you to a 5 Day Celebration Event

SEPTEMBER 28 to October 3, 2018



(Exact times and details may change due to weather conditions or events beyond our control)

This event is a celebration of not only watercolour but of how diverse cultures, by working together, can strengthen and enhance a community.

During these five days we will unite to celebrate our history, our differences and our common interests.

A community such as Richmond Hill, with its mosaic of residents from diverse cultures, its combination of urban and rural environment and its strong historical roots is an ideal venue for our Symphony in Watercolour Event.

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The following pages outline our plans for the first 5 days of the event when we welcome our international and national visitors to our region.

Friday September 28th, 2018

**Venue: Boynton House / Richmond Green,
1300 Elgin Mills Road, E. Richmond Hill**

Grand Opening of Exhibition & Awards Presentation 12 noon-5pm

Boynton House is an art exhibition space in Richmond Hill with four display rooms. The house is an historic site under the [Ontario Heritage Act](#) and dates back to about 1875. It is an example of the classic Ontario farmhouse, with unique details of its era. Learn more about the [history of Boynton House](#).





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Our Opening Day event begins at 12 noon and is open to the public. After the formal ribbon cutting the exhibition will be available to view at your leisure and it may be possible to have photographs taken with visiting master artists. Representatives from Winsor & Newton, QoR Watercolours, Daniel Smith, DeSerres Art Store, Da Vinci paints and RockWell Art Supplies will be in tent booths in the fenced garden area of Boynton House where they will demo products. Several will also have free samples for visiting artists.

Throughout the afternoon there will be opportunities for Plein Air painting with the masters at various locations around Richmond Green.

Our Official Opening and Awards Presentation will be at 3pm, either on the main porch/garden area or within Boynton House, depending on the weather.

Refreshments and cold beverages will be available throughout the afternoon. There will also be live music by a chamber ensemble from the Richmond Hill Philharmonic Orchestra

6pm-8pm

**Venue: Tea at Burr House
530 Carrville Road, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 6E6**



Transportation: If possible we will carpool to this venue.

This is an opportunity to view our second venue for the exhibition and see the local spinners and weavers at work in another heritage

building within Richmond Hill. Burr House has plenty of parking at the back and is located beside a ravine. This heritage house offers traditional tea and scones. They also have a store selling local artisans' work.



Saturday, September 29, 2018.

10am-3pm

Venue: Richmond Hill Central Library as part of the Canada wide Culture Days event.

(free activity)



David McEown, our Canada 150 national winner, will be presenting, “Water and Light, an Artist’s Journey from Antarctica to the North Pole”

David narrates an entertaining digital show that merges painting, video and photography inspired from travels in the Great Bear Rainforest, Africa, Antarctica and the North Pole. Stories of chance encounters with many creatures including polar bears and emperor penguins are woven together with reflections on the environment, and the inner creative process of painting with watercolour”

Photo credit Daisy Gilardini

“Experiment with Watercolour” activities will also be set up outside (or inside if inclement weather) to encourage the public to give it a try. We welcome your participation in this. Let us pass our enthusiasm for watercolour onto the local community hosting us for this event.

4pm-7pm

Venue: Oak Ridges Moraine Parkland and Boardwalk (free activity)

Lake Wilcox Park 55 Olde Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3C8

Transportation: If possible we will carpool to this venue.

The northern half of Richmond Hill is located on a natural feature called the Oak Ridges Moraine. Stretching more than 160 km between the Niagara Escarpment and the Trent River, the Oak Ridges Moraine is known for its varied habitats and geographic features shaped 13, 000 years ago during the last ice age. The Oak Ridges Moraine is special because it provides naturally filtered water for abundant wildlife, surrounding populations, and natural areas.



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Take a leisurely walk along the boardwalk. See the sun set over Bond Lake, a traditional Kettle Lake on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Opportunities are plentiful for plein air painting and photography.

Evening:

Feel free to select a local restaurant and socialize.

Sunday, September 30, 2018.

10am-4pm

Venue: Black Creek Pioneer Village

1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Toronto, Ontario M3J 2P3

Transportation: If possible we will carpool to this venue.

There are group rates for 20 or more people or these rates apply
Adults 15-59 \$14.41
Seniors 60+ \$11.53
Lunch can be purchased from the gift store or restaurant.



Black Creek is a working village, typical of those established in south central Ontario between the 1790's and the 1860's. Escape the modern world, and spend the morning experiencing Ontario's rich rural heritage with sketchbook and camera in hand. For more information:

<https://blackcreek.ca>

Monday, October 1, 2018.

Venue: McMichael Gallery

10365 Islington Avenue, in Kleinburg: Home of the Canadian Group of 7 art collection. <http://mcmichael.com>



Free event apart from lunch which will be purchased on route this event.

10:30am. Tour of Gallery with a bilingual educator (English and French).

11:30am. Viewing at leisure and Gallery Shop.

12:30pm. Lunch

2:00 pm. Tour of the grounds and Humber River Valley.

2:30 pm. Painting and/or Photograph on gallery grounds.

4:00pm. Walk to the village of Kleinburg.

5:00pm. Return to Richmond Hill.



Evening:

Optional visit the David Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill to view the stars.

The David Dunlap Observatory opened in 1935 and is located at 123 Hillsvie Drive in Richmond Hill. For more information

:<https://www.theddo.ca>



Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

Venue: Toronto Island

Transportation: 11am From Finch subway station we will take the subway to downtown Toronto. The Jack Layton Ferry Terminal is a short walk away located between Bay Street and Yonge Street on Queen's Quay.

Adult Subway ticket: \$3.25 each way

Adult return ferry ticket is \$7.71



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Bring money for lunch

The Toronto Islands are in Lake Ontario, a 13-minute ferry ride from downtown Toronto. Boats to the Island leave from the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal at the foot of Bay St. and Queen's Quay. The Island is a group of 15 islands inter-connected by pathways and bridges. You can walk from one end of the Island to the other.

The island is approximately 5 kms long from Ward's Island to Hanlan's Point. The view of the city is gorgeous and the island itself is just as beautiful - it's a photographer's paradise indeed.

Evening:

Optional: Enjoy a meal at CN Tower 360 Restaurant in the evening. Dine while watching the sunset over Lake Ontario and the city of Toronto

\$65.00+, includes the \$36.00 general admission price to CN Tower. Wine is \$20 + per glass.



Links to other attractions if you want to extend your stay:

Niagara Falls <https://www.niagarafallstourism.com/>

Niagara on the lake and Wineries <https://www.niagaraonthelake.com/>

AGO <https://ago.ca/front-page>

ROM <https://www.rom.on.ca/en>

Science Centre <https://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/>

Toronto zoo <http://www.torontozoo.com/ExploreTheZoo/Admission.asp>

Useful Information about Accommodations, Restaurants, & Transportation

If arriving by air:

Pearson International Airport, (Toronto) Terminal 1 to Richmond Hill:

1. GO BUS 40

Travel time from the Pearson Airport is approximately 27 min. at night but may take longer during the day depending on traffic.

The bus is fast and most economical, as well as clean and comfortable.

Cost: approximately \$7.50

2. Check with your hotel to see if they offer a shuttle service to and from the Airport:

3. Airfleet Limousine Canada 416-447-5000 or 1-866-991-5548

4. City Airport Services (City Airport Taxi) 416-716-0716 posted flat rate of (\$45+)

Route: Airport to Richmond Hill.

5. List of other cabs and phone numbers:

Richmond Hill Taxi (905) 770-3777

Unique Taxi & Limousine (905) 884-1111

King Limo & Taxi (905) 417- 9091

A1 Cabs (905) 884- 2000

Uber (647) 931-4827

Markham Taxi & Limousine (905) 477-2227

Billy Bishop Airport to Richmond Hill

Travel time: about 1 ½ hours with 3 transfers. More information:

Bus timetable: Pearson to Richmond Hill

http://www.gotransit.com/timetables/en/schedules/schedules_window.aspx?tableid=40&dir=E&parentid=1 (note schedule comes up for the current date and time.)

Driving from other parts of Canada or the US

Richmond Hill is north of Highway 401 and Highway 407. Take the exits for either, Bayview or Yonge St. and proceed north



Places to eat in and around Richmond Hill:

https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Restaurants-g181740-Richmond_Hill_Ontario.html

Hotels:

Canadas Best Value Inn

13100 Yonge Street, L4E 1A6 Richmond Hill

North of Richmond Hill

Approx. \$700 for the week.

<https://www.redlion.com/richmond-hill>

The Best Western Parkway

South of Richmond Hill.

Approx. \$1010 for 7 nights for a room with 2 double beds. If 2 people shared it would work out to around \$600 each for the week

<https://www.bestwestern.com>

Sheraton Parkway

9005 Leslie St, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2

Approx. \$160/night

<http://www.sheratonparkway.com>

Monte Carlo Inns

8900 Woodbine Ave. Markham ON L3R 5K6

Approx: \$120/night

<http://www.montecarloinns.com>

Other useful links for accommodation:

<https://www.airbnb.ca> Search for accommodation in Richmond Hill Ontario, Markham Ontario, Vaughan Ontario or North York Ontario.

Visa information:

Please check regarding visa requirements for your entry into Canada. For those who need a visa, please e mail us the following information:

1. your complete name,
2. date of birth,
3. passport number and expiration date,
4. full mailing address,
5. telephone number,
6. a digital scan or photo of your passport.

Then we can send you an official invitation letter for your visa application process. This should be requested within 1 month of acceptance.