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The Art Gallery of Burlington introduces Multi-Exhibition, Self-guided Tour Program



2,000 GTA visitors enjoyed the AGB's 8 day *Fibre Content* collaboration with *Fibrations*. (2014)

Effective February 7, 2015 – The Art Gallery of Burlington is launching its new self-guided tour program to assist gallery visitors in enjoying more of what the AGB has to offer.

“Chief Curator Denis Longchamps is raising the quality of AGB’s exhibition offerings throughout 2015,” says Interim Executive Director Anne Swarbrick. “This Sunday’s public reception formally launches *Of Water and Tides* by international artist Lyndal Osborne, linking the environment and the arts. At the same time, visitors will be able to follow the new self-guided tour programme to savour exhibitions in the AGB’s two other galleries, the Permanent Collection Corridor, and reflect upon Sally Michener’s fun ceramic installations with coffee in The Conservatory.”

Lesley McNally’s *Passage* exhibition in the Perry Gallery possesses evocative powers that drive the viewer to decode the narrative elements which she hints at but never states.

HomeGrown, winding through the Permanent Collection Corridor, draws from the AGB’s nationally significant 2,400-piece Collection of Canadian Ceramics. This exhibition by award-winning Curator Jonathan Smith traces the history of ceramics in Ontario over the last forty years. Starting with the refined functional ware of Ruth Gowdy McKinley and her effect on the program at Sheridan College and elsewhere, this exhibition looks at the development of the more sculptural approach by younger artists such as Reid Flock and

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Mary Philpott. Flock is the third of the thirteen recipients of the Clay & Glass Gallery's prestigious Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics whose successful career first started in the AGB's pottery studio. The others are Kasia Piech and Ying Yueh Chuang.

Gallery visitors will be awed by Osborne's installation throughout the AGB's Lee-Chin Family Gallery. Longchamp's 2015 engaging programme year will also include *Naked Craft*, an initiative with Canadian and Scottish artists that he has scheduled to tour Halifax and Quebec City; and *In Spirit* a collaboration with Owen Sound's Tom Thomson Gallery that will tour work from regional artists throughout Burlington, Owen Sound, Woodstock and Montreal. Stay tuned for more details in future.

Suggested Admission:

To help support the growing quality of its curated exhibitions, effective February 7, 2015 the AGB will encourage visitors to assist through a suggested admission initiative. Noting that approximately 80% of Ontario's art galleries charge admission fees, the AGB points out that members and children 12 and under can visit all exhibitions, as often as they like, free and take advantage of the self-guided tour. Non-members and new visitors to AGB will be asked to contribute \$5 to tour the multiple exhibitions.

About the Art Gallery of Burlington:

AGB is an award winning gallery located in the heart of Burlington, Ontario. We stage as many as 10 regional, national and international exhibitions a year and are home to the world's largest, acclaimed collection of Canadian contemporary ceramics and seven fine craft guilds. An interactive and creative space, we provide art education programs and public tours for people of all ages. Spanning over 44,000 square feet, our space boasts seven equipped art studios, three galleries, a one of a kind gift shop, an exhibition courtyard and year-round conservatory.

Admission:

AGB Members: Free. Non-Members: \$5 (suggested admission)

Gallery Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 10:00 pm

Friday – Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday: 12 noon – 5:00 pm

The Art Gallery of Burlington is located at 1333 Lakeshore Rd, Burlington, ON L7S 1A9

Art Etc Gallery Shop and Art Sales and Rental Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday: 12 noon – 5:00 pm

Tours:

Docent guided tours available. Schedule listed at the reception desk.

Upcoming Exhibitions:

Learn more about AGB's upcoming exhibitions at <http://artgalleryofburlington.com/about-exhibitions/>

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