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Southwood Arena.....	519-421-3484 x 4301
Transit Services.....	519-539-1291 x 3102

Event Listings

To have your events listed in the FREE Community Events Calendar in *What's on Woodstock*, please visit cityofwoodstock.ca/wowevents



Waste Changes Coming in 2026

Changes to how waste is collected in Woodstock are coming! While City and County staff are working through the specific details, Oxford County Council approved a new garbage collection schedule as well as the introduction of a curbside organics collection program to start in 2026.



Photo by Andrew Norris

“Now that both County and City Councils have approved the program, staff can begin ironing out all the details,” said Dan Locke, Director of Public Works for the City of Woodstock. “We often get asked when green bin collection will be available in Woodstock and we’re excited to soon be able to offer it to residents!”

The new collection schedule will see household garbage and organics pickup happen on a rotating, six-day schedule. Moving to a six day cycle represents a \$1.7M savings across the County and eliminates the need for double collection days around statutory holidays. The schedule will just continue on the next business day.

“We know this will be a big change for people and that’s why we’re already getting started on information and resources to help people understand how the changes will impact them,” added Locke.

Municipal organics programs include different materials depending on the company who does the processing. Staff is working on providing a clear list of what will and won’t be included for Woodstock residents. When the program launches, residents will be able to use the green bin to divert food waste and a few other organic materials from the landfill.

The new service offering also includes a province-wide change to how recycling collection is provided. In 2016, the Province announced it would be shifting responsibility for recycling to the organizations responsible for creating the material. This means producers must pay for the full lifecycle cost of their packaging products.

Under the new system, curbside recycling will no longer be a municipal responsibility and will be provided by a private contractor. Details of that program are still being developed as part of the province-wide roll out. For information about the changes, visit www.speakup.oxfordcounty.ca/new-waste-collection or www.cityofwoodstock.ca/waste. You can subscribe to the pages to keep up to date with information as it becomes available.



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Lighting up Pattullo Fountain



This winter, Pattullo Fountain has been illuminating downtown Woodstock with a shower of blue light.

The dazzling new light display in Museum Square was specially designed for the 108-year-old cast iron fountain and installed at the end of December.

The bright idea for the water feature came from Reta Horan, Supervisor of Parks.

“I wanted to find a way to highlight this beautiful historic landmark when the water is turned off for the season and help brighten Museum Square throughout the winter,” said Horan, who oversees the City’s holiday and winter light displays.

“It turned out better than I could’ve imagined!”

Pattullo Fountain was named in memory of Andrew Pattullo, who was the former editor of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review and founder of the Oxford Historical Society. A prominent member of the community, he was also elected as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford in 1896.

Photos by Untangled Digital

Above: Installation of the light display over the Pattullo Fountain.
Below: The completed display as seen at nighttime.

Pattullo died in 1903 and left the Woodstock a bequest of \$1000 for the fountain. It was eventually purchased and installed in 1916 and officially opened the following May.

While the fountain continues to flow more than a century later, the water is turned off in the fall and winter to prevent damage due to freezing temperatures.

Horan wanted the lights to look like water spouting from the figure at the top and pouring into the basin below.

“We worked with Shear Display, the company that does our other holiday lights, to create a custom light display. They started by taking measurements of the fountain and sketching out some ideas,” she explained.

Once the design was completed, the display was manufactured and assembled on site. You can watch a behind-the-scenes video of the process on the City of Woodstock YouTube channel.

The lights will stay up through the spring and will be put up again in the fall ahead of the annual Lighting of Museum Square event on Friday, Nov. 14.



Reta Horan, Supervisor of Parks, views the display with her son.



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Supporting the monarch butterfly

The monarch butterfly, a symbol of transformation and beauty, is currently listed as a species of “Special Concern” in Ontario. This means that while the monarch is not yet endangered or threatened, it faces potential risks that could lead to its decline. Alarming, Monarch Watch reported that the winter of 2023–2024 saw the second-lowest number of monarchs counted to date, a stark reminder of the challenges this species faces.

One of the most effective ways we can support monarch butterflies in our community is by planting specific plants that provide the necessary resources for their survival. Here are a few key native to Ontario plants to consider adding to your garden.

Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)

Swamp milkweed is essential for monarchs, as it is one of the primary plants on which they lay their eggs. The caterpillars feed exclusively on milkweed leaves, making it crucial for their lifecycle.



Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Butterfly weed is another type of milkweed that is vital for monarchs. Its bright orange flowers are not only beautiful but also provide nectar for adult butterflies.

Joe-Pye Weed (*Eutrochium spp.*)

Joe-Pye weed is a tall, native perennial that produces clusters of pink or purple flowers. It is an excellent nectar source for monarchs during their migration.

Coneflowers (*Echinacea spp.*)

Coneflowers are hardy perennials that offer a reliable source of nectar for adult monarchs. Their vibrant blooms also add a splash of colour to any garden.



Photos by Sarah Hodgkinson

New England Aster

(*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)

New England asters bloom in late summer and fall, providing a crucial nectar source for monarchs as they prepare for their long migration south.

In addition to planting these beneficial plants, it's important to maintain a healthy yard and garden without the use of pesticides. Pesticides can be harmful to monarchs and other beneficial insects.

Supporting monarch butterflies also requires a collective effort across their migratory path, from Mexico through the United States and into Canada. Organizations like Forests for Monarchs are working to restore and protect the forests in Mexico where monarchs overwinter. We can do our part in Woodstock by planting native species and avoiding pesticides.

Together, we can help ensure that future generations will continue to marvel at the sight of these magnificent creatures.

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Recreation Camps



Cowan Park Sportsplex 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Traditional Day Camps

	Age	Featured Activity*	July 2-4	July 7-11	July 14-18	July 21-25	July 28-Aug 1	Aug 5-8	Aug 11-15	Aug 18-22	Aug 25-29	Fee
Cowan Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Cowan Tykes	6 to 7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Cowan Juniors	8 to 9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Cowan Seniors	10 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195

Specialty / Themed Camps

Ultimate Sports Camp – Juniors	6 to 8			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Ultimate Sports Camp – Seniors	9 to 12			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓		✓		✓		✓		\$375
Little Picasso Art & Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓			✓		✓		\$195
Stemotics/Robotics – Minecraft Coding	6 to 9								✓	✓		\$375
Stemotics/Robotics – Lego WeDo	6 to 9			✓	✓							\$375
DIY Camp	6 to 9			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Summer Sport & Cycling Camp – Beginner	7 to 9				✓		✓			✓		\$195
Summer Sport & Cycling Camp – Pro	8 to 12			✓		✓			✓			\$195

Southside Park – Outdoors 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Specialty / Themed Camps

Explore the Outdoors – Hiking Camp	8 to 12			✓	✓		✓					\$195
Summer Sport & Bronze Star Camp	9 to 12			✓		✓			✓			\$375
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓					\$325

Reeves Complex 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Traditional Day Camps

Reeves Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Reeves Tykes	6 to 7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Reeves Juniors	8 to 9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Reeves Seniors	10 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195

Specialty / Themed Camps

Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓		✓		✓		✓		\$375
Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Camp JR	7 to 9									✓	✓	\$375
Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Camp SR	10 to 12									✓	✓	\$375
Summer Sport & Skating Camp JR	4 to 7								✓	✓	✓	\$375
Summer Sport & Skating Camp SR	8 to 12								✓	✓	✓	\$375

Cowan Fields 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Specialty / Themed Camps

Fields Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Fields Tykes	6 to 7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Ultimate Sports Camp – Juniors	8 to 9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Ultimate Sports Camp – Seniors	10 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Pack & Go	8 to 12		✓		✓		✓		✓			\$375
Racquets & Paddles – NEW!	8 to 12			✓		✓			✓			\$325
Activate – NEW!	9 to 12			✓		✓			✓			\$375
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓					\$325

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Register for a Program

The City offers a number of recreation, culture and leisure programs to help Woodstock residents get out, get active and be healthy! There are three ways to register for programs and activities:



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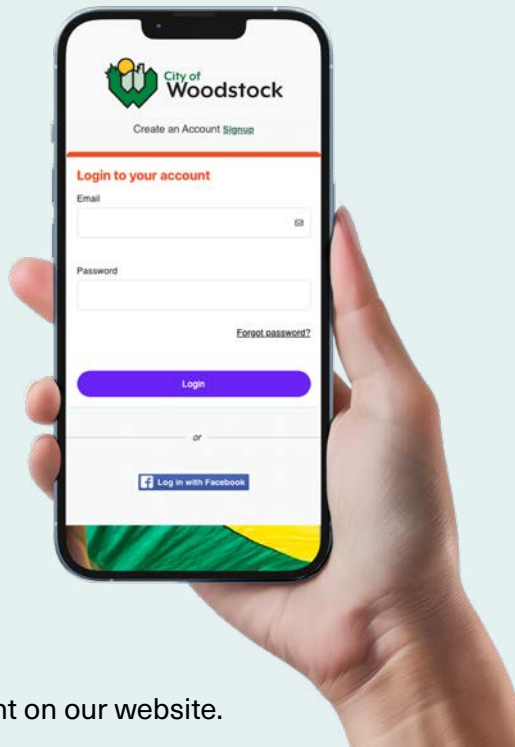
Once you're logged into your account you can:

- View and register for programs and activities
- Reserve a spot in one of our drop-in programs
- Find information about City facilities available for rent
- Manage your account details

To register programs and activities you'll need:

- Your email address and password
- Visa or Mastercard
- Program name and Course ID (which can be found in the registration system)

You'll find step-by-step instructions on how to create an account on our website.



In Person or By Phone

You can register in person for programs at:

- Cowan Park Sportsplex, 895 Ridgewood Dr.
519-539-1291 x 2740
- Reeves Community Complex, 381 Finkle St.
519-539-1291 x 4301
- Southside Aquatic Centre, 315 Finkle St.
519-539-2382 x 2701
- Woodstock Art Gallery, 449 Dundas St.
519-539-6761
- Woodstock Museum, 466 Dundas St.
519-537-8411

Fee Assistance

The City offers fee assistance to residents whose family income falls below the low-income cut-off (based on their family size).

The Fee Assistance In Recreation (FAIR) program allows qualifying participants to sign up for recreation and leisure activities and buy Woodstock Transit passes at reduced rates.

Learn more at: www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fair



Parks and Sports Fields open May 1

As spring approaches, the Parks Department would like to remind you that parks and sports fields open for the season on May 1.

In the meantime, please stay off the fields to prevent deep ruts and other damage that can occur when the soil is wet due to melting snow or rain.

Thank you!



Learn more about the City's parks, trails and sports fields at:
www.cityofwoodstock.ca/parks

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Recreation
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Summer art class at the Woodstock Art Gallery

The Woodstock Museum’s Park Explorer Camp enjoyed a tree with Assistant Supervisor and Urban Forester Paul Butler.

Art Gallery and Museum take a collaborative approach to camps and programs

This year the Woodstock Art Gallery and Woodstock Museum are teaming up to offer an exciting new collaborative summer camp.

Culture Camp will run from Aug. 11–15 from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Kids ages 6 to 12 will spend the morning at the Art Gallery and the afternoon at the Museum with hands-on projects, field trips and collaborative activities.

“It’s like having two camps in one!” said Stephanie Porter, Head of Education for the Art Gallery, who is also currently filling the Interim Director/ Curator role. “The morning will be focused on the transformative power of art, with guided tours of our current exhibitions and lessons exploring a variety of techniques, tools and materials in our fully equipped studio.”

During the afternoon, the Museum will be highlighting Physics Matters: An Interactive Science Exhibit, which covers topics including matter, force, motion, light, sound, structures and simple machines.

Two times the fun!

This isn’t the first time the City’s culture facilities have worked together. During the school year, they offer combination programs for two classrooms in one day. One class spends the morning at the Art Gallery and the other goes to the Museum, before trading places in the afternoon.

“Booking transportation for field trips can be a challenge and we often have classes coming from outside of Woodstock. This is a great opportunity for teachers to share a bus and plan for a full day of fun and educational activities,” said Kerrie Gill, the Museum’s Education Officer.

The Museum offers programs for all grade levels that explore the history of Woodstock and Oxford County, local government and simple machines. This year they also have a special program in connection with the Physics Matters exhibit.

Students visiting the Art Gallery take a guided tour of current exhibitions followed by a hands-on clay sculpture, relief printmaking or watercolour painting lesson.

Getting outdoors

In addition to working together, the Art Gallery and Museum have also been collaborating with other experts like the City's Parks Department.

Last summer the Museum held a Park Explorer Camp. Kids ages 7 to 12 spent the week visiting local parks and trails, learning about their history and meeting Forestry staff.

"When our arborists team up with March Break and summer camp organizers, they get the chance to plant more than just trees. Our staff truly enjoy working with youth to cultivate curiosity, stewardship and a love for the urban forest," said Grant Drygas, Supervisor of Parks and Forestry.

"By helping kids learn about the value of trees, we're nurturing the next generation of environmental champions who will help our cities thrive for years to come."

This year the Parks Department is taking part in two nature-themed camps with the Art Gallery. Participants in the March Break Art Camp and Nature Art Camp will be heading out to parks and trails to find creative inspiration, explore the environment and learn about conservation practices.

"For March Break, we're also very excited to be partnering with Focus on Nature, which is an organization that inspires young people in southwestern Ontario to connect with nature through photography," Porter added.

"The kids will not only learn photography fundamentals and editing using professional equipment but will also create their very own exhibition that will be displayed at the Gallery this spring."

For more information and to register for the Art Gallery and Museum's upcoming camps, visit www.woodstockartgallery.ca or www.woodstockmuseum.ca. Details about other City of Woodstock summer camps can be found at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/camps.



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Online Registration: Tips, tricks and FAQs



It's been a little over a year since we launched our new and improved registration system!

This accessible online platform makes it easy to sign up for drop-in activities, sports and fitness programs, workshops, courses, camps and PA Days across the City's recreation and culture facilities. It also offers information about facility rentals for parks and ice rental availability.

Last year staff also rolled out several new initiatives including a summer camp payment plan, online booking for escape rooms at the Woodstock Museum and online ticket sales for the holiday Tour of Lights.

As we continue to grow and improve online registration in 2025, we've put together a few tips, tricks and answers to frequently asked questions to help you navigate the system!

Getting started

Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/onlineregistration to log in to your account. If you're a new user, follow the step-by-step instructions on our website to create an account.

Searching for programs

You can find current and upcoming programs on the Activity Registration page. Programs are organized into categories based on the type of program or facility. You can also use the filters to search by keyword, location and date.

Drop-in programs including recreational swimming, pickleball, gym and turf times, walking track and escape rooms are displayed up to two weeks in advance, so you may need to adjust the end date to see more upcoming days and times.

Managing your account

To update your account or add a new family member, go to the My Info page. Click on the name of each family member to view or edit contact. You'll also find a schedule of programs each person is registered for, your transaction history, credits on your account, important documents and payment methods.

Getting a receipt

When you register for a program, you should receive an email with a copy of your receipt (make sure to check your junk or spam folder!).

You can also save or print a copy of your receipt from the My Info page:

- Click on the name of the family member the transaction was made under.
- Scroll down and click on Payments.
- Select a payment from the list.
- Click the receipt button at the top of the Payment Details page.

Troubleshooting and support

Our recreation and culture facilities offer new programs seasonally and it can be very busy the first few days after registration opens. If you're having trouble accessing the site, refresh your browser and try again in a few minutes.

There are a few other reasons why you may not be able to register for a program:

- Registration hasn't opened yet. Click on the program and check the registration dates and times at the top of the page.
- The program is full. If there's a waitlist, you can sign up to be notified if a spot becomes available.
- The person registering isn't in the age range for the program.

If you still can't register or are experiencing another issue, please contact the facility directly for assistance.

Follow the City of Woodstock on social media or visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca to stay up to date on our programs, events and facilities throughout the year!



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C.O.W. TALES

CoW Tales is a regular feature in *What's on Woodstock* designed to celebrate the City of Woodstock's rich history. Thanks to the contributions of the Woodstock Museum NHS, the Heritage Advisory Committee and Oxford County Archives, CoW Tales shares stories that help us understand and connect with our past as our community continues to grow and evolve. For this issue, we're highlighting some historical happenings from the month of March.



The Relief of Ladysmith

The afternoon of March 1, 1900, was proclaimed a public holiday in Woodstock by mayor James Scarff to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith, a pivotal site during the Second Boer War. British forces had liberated the South African city on Feb. 28 after a four-month siege. In Woodstock, residents and local schools gathered in the town square at 2 p.m., along with the 22nd Battalion band. Photo: Celebrating in Civic Square for the Relief of Ladysmith.



Bernadette and Michael Smith

Mary Bernadette Parkinson and Michael Patrick Smith were married on March 13, 1940. Bernadette Smith would go on to become a fixture in Woodstock municipal politics for more than two decades, as both the first female council member and mayor. Michael was her second husband. As a divorcee who drank in pubs, dyed her hair and used callous language, Bernadette broke many social taboos for the women of her time. Photo: Certificate of Marriage, Bernadette Parkinson and Michael Smith.



Front page news

This printing plate was used for the March 30, 1987, issue of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review. The newspaper was printed with the offset method, which uses rollers and cylinders to an image or text from a plate onto paper. The top story on this day was about beloved local barber Les McKerral receiving an award from the OMA. Photo: Sentinel-Review newspaper printing plate



Family portrait

A cabinet card was a photographic print on paper that was mounted on a card typically measuring 4.25 x 6.5 inches. The photographer's information and logo were featured on a strip at the front and on the reverse side. Cabinet cards were the predominant style of portrait photography in the late-1800s and early 1900s. This portrait is dated March 1890 and has a stamp from Woodstock photographer Arthur George Westlake. Photo: Mrs. Alfred Servos Ball (nee Mary V. Dunlop) and children.

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE WINNER of the Jan/Feb 'Way Back When' Contest question is **Wendy Newell**. She correctly answered that the Gaelic Free Church on the corner of Hunter and Delatre Streets, is now the site of the Badminton Club. Wendy wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and she will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in December.

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THINK YOU KNOW YOUR WOODSTOCK HISTORY?

Enter the Way Back When contest for a chance to win! Answer the last question below in bold. If your answer is correct, your name will be entered into the draw. The winner's name will appear in the next edition of *What's on Woodstock*. Contest questions have been selected from the book, *Quizzical History*, published by the Oxford Historical Society and Woodstock Museum NHS.

- Q.** Who was Woodstock's first town crier?
(See pg. 7)
- Q.** When was Bernadette Smith first elected to Woodstock City Council? (See pg. 3)
- Q.** What was the first barber shop Les McKerral worked at? (See pg. 15)
- Q.** What was the 22nd Battalion Volunteer Militia also known as?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Friday, March 14, 2025. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.

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Recreational Skating Schedule

Public Skating

Anyone can attend. Children 6 and under must have adult supervision in the facility. Skates must be worn on the ice. No shoes, strollers or skating aids allowed.

Civic Centre – 895 Nellis St (Fairgrounds)

**Reeves Community Complex – 381 Finkle St
Green Rink and Red Rink**

Day	Time	Arena
Tuesdays	4–4:50 p.m.	Civic Centre Arena
Wednesdays	4–4:50 p.m.	Reeves Complex – Green Rink
Thursdays	4–4:50 p.m.	Civic Centre Arena
Saturdays	7–7:50 p.m.	Civic Centre Arena
Sundays	1:15–2:05 p.m.	Reeves Complex – Red Rink

Upcoming Dates

Date	Sponsor	Location
Mar 1	Upper Thames Brewing Company / Brickhouse Brewpub	Civic Centre
Mar 2	Vance Construction	Reeves Red
Mar 4	City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department	Civic Centre
Mar 5	Upper Thames Brewing Company / Brickhouse Brewpub	Reeves Green
Mar 6	Brantwood Services Ltd.	Civic Centre
Mar 8	Taplay Fire Services	Civic Centre
Mar 9	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Reeves Red
Mar 11	Brantwood Services Ltd.	Civic Centre
Mar 12	Easy Way Cleaning Solutions	Reeves Green
Mar 13	Pepper Plumbing	Civic Centre
Mar 15	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Civic Centre
Mar 16	McCulloch Lock Service	Reeves Red
Mar 18	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Civic Centre
Mar 19	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Reeves Green
Mar 20	CUPE 1146	Civic Centre
Mar 22	Brantwood Services Ltd.	Civic Centre
Mar 23	Fanshawe College	Reeves Red
Mar 25	Oxford Plumbing	Civic Centre
Mar 26	Woodstock Old Buoys Hockey Team	Reeves Green
Mar 27	Upper Thames Brewing Company / Brickhouse Brewpub	Civic Centre

Adult Skating

Participants must be 18 years of age or older. This will be strictly enforced. Please respect all skaters.

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink
Mondays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.
Wednesdays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.
Fridays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

NO SKATING: Mar 10, 12, 14

Parent and Tot Skating

Maximum age of child participants is five years of age. Pucks and sticks are not permitted on ice. Skating aids will be available.

Reeves Community Complex
Wednesdays, 1–1:50 p.m. – Green Rink
Fridays, 9–9:50 a.m. – Green Rink
Fridays, 4:45–5:15 p.m. – Red Rink

Parent and Tot Shinny

Maximum age of child participants is five years of age. Pucks and sticks are permitted on ice. All participants must wear a helmet and gloves. Skating aids are not allowed.

Civic Centre
Tuesdays, 1–1:50 p.m.
Thursdays, 1–1:50 p.m.

March Break Skating

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink
Days as indicated, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Date	Sponsor
Mon, Mar 10	Roes-Zehr Electric
Tue, Mar 11	Leon's Furniture - Woodstock
Wed, Mar 12	Leon's Furniture - Woodstock
Thu, Mar 13	Boston Pizza
Fri, Mar 14	David Hilderley, Century 21 Real Estate

Thank you to all of our sponsors!

We are pleased to once again offer free skating for the 2024–2025 season thanks to the generous support of our community sponsors. Please show them your support this season.

Please note, skating times may change due to special events not scheduled at the time of printing. Please check our website for the most up to date information. Thank you!

MORE INFO:

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Expanded Transit Route

Woodstock Transit Route #1 has expanded effective January 27

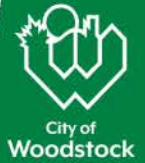
Five new stops have been added to extend the route easterly and to loop on Griffin Way. View the updated route map and schedule at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/transit



Use Google Maps to plan your trip!

Woodstock conventional and para-transit service operates Monday–Saturday: 6 a.m.–10 p.m. No Sunday or Holiday bus service. To book para-transit services, call 519-539-2382 ext. 2510 (TTY 519-539-7268).

Rec Facility Survey



Help us build active spaces for a healthy community!

Complete a short survey by March 7 to help shape the future of recreation in Woodstock.



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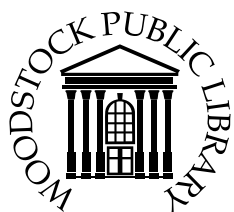


LARGE CART COLLECTION Begins March 10



Residents who still have a Herbie Curbie cart can start putting it out for collection starting March 10. Remember, large carts require 3 bag tags, which should be placed loose on top of the garbage so our drivers can see them.

Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/waste for details.



PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1–5 p.m.
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GAME ON!

LEVEL UP THE FUN!

March Break at WPL

March 8 - March 15



Game ON! Level up the fun this March Break at WPL. Join us all week long to discover a world of adventure through video game themed activities inspired by Pokémon, Minecraft, Pac-Man, Super Mario and more! Registration not required unless indicated in the program description.

Pokémon Scavenger Hunt (Family) March 8–15 – during library open hours

Pokémon are running loose in the Children's Department this March Break! Find them and they will help you decipher an answer to a question.

Game On! What The Tech? (Family) Monday, March 10 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Think you're a technology sleuth? Stop by the Flex Space by the Children's department to check out past tools, games, and gadgets. Write down your guesses and keep them secret until we all learn together what each tech item was used for!

Among Us at WPL (All ages) Tuesday, March 11 – during library open hours

Join us all day to celebrate those Among Us, the multiplayer online video game. We will have task lists for those who are brave enough. There will be colouring and activity pages. Costumes welcome! But watch for the traitor!

Game On! Board Game Café (Family) Tuesday, March 11 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Bring the family and join us for a morning of board games and fun! Try out a new game or play an old favourite. We have games for all ages and skills.

Game On! Creative Lab (6–12 years) Wednesday, March 12 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Drop by the library during our Creative Lab and make, craft or design something amazing! All supplies provided.

Game On! Mario Party (Family) Wednesday, March 12 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Let's-a go! Drop in for Mario-themed activities and games, search for hidden Yoshi eggs, and take a picture at our Mario photo booth!

The Puppet Lady Presents "Prescilla's Rainbow of Colours" (Family) Thursday, March 13 – 10:30–11:15 a.m.

Join Yvette and her Puppet Friends as they help Prescilla search for the perfect colours to build her rainbow. Learn about primary and secondary colours through games and songs. Stay for handshakes and conversations with Yvette and her friends!



Game On! Storytime (Family)
Thursday, March 13 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Come out for a storytime and activities with a video game twist! Dedicated time for play and to meet other families is provided at the end of the program. Children should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Game On! Craft Club (10+ years)
Thursday, March 13 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening and create a game of your own! All supplies are included.

Game On! Discovery Lab (6–12 years)
Friday, March 14 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Try your hand at STEM based activities inspired by Pokémon, Minecraft, Pac-Man, and more!

Family Movie: *Wreck-It Ralph* (Family)
Friday, March 14 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for a family friendly movie. We will be showing *Wreck-It Ralph* (PG). Popcorn included!

Game On! Fun with Puzzles (Family)
Saturday, March 15 – 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Enjoy a variety of puzzles to work on by yourself, with friends or with your family!

Game On! Breakout (6+ years)
Saturday, March 15 – 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Try to break open the box before time runs out! Breakout games are similar to escape-rooms and are full of puzzles that are fun for the whole family. Bookings are for 30-minute timeslots. **Registration required.** Registration opens March 1 at 10 a.m.



Programs for Children

IndigiKNOW (6–12 years)
Monday, March 3 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

IndigiKNOW participants will explore Indigenous knowledge and teachings through discussion, activities, and crafts. Presented by IISAN and sponsored by R&B Creative Creations and Line-X Woodstock. Pizza and snacks will be provided. No registration required.

Retro Video Gaming Night! (All ages)
Tuesday, March 4 – 6–8 p.m.

Feeling nostalgic about the games from your youth? Then come on down for an evening of Retro Gaming! Play a sampling of retro games on various consoles. In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community. No registration required.



After School Hangout (9+ years)
Thursday, March 20 – 3:30–5 p.m.

Drop by after school and try out some fun games, robots, and crafts! Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

Storytimes!

Each program includes age-appropriate stories, rhymes, songs, and activities designed by library professionals to help children develop literacy skills and a love of reading. Dedicated time for play and to meet other families is provided at the end of the program. Children should be accompanied by a caregiver. **No registration required.**

Program	Description	Dates/Times
Tales & Tunes (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Mar 26–May 14, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Mar 27–May 15, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Books & Bounces (birth–18 months)	Babies and caregivers will hear stories, and learn songs, rhymes, and bounces that will help foster a love of reading.	Thursdays Mar 27–May 15, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Mar 28–May 16, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Baby Sign Storytime (birth–18 months)	Infants and their caregivers are invited to learn ASL vocabulary signs through stories and rhymes.	Fridays Mar 28–May 16, 12–1 p.m.



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FROM MARCH 1 - MARCH 15



Family Storytimes

Paper Bag Princess Day Storytime Saturday, March 1 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Stop by the children's department to celebrate a Canadian classic with a storytime and activities. Three cheers for standing up to dragons! **No registration required.**

Seedy Saturday Storytime Saturday, March 8 – 11–11:45 a.m.

Join us for a special family storytime to celebrate gardens, seeds and harvests! Part of the Seedy Saturday activities. **No registration required.**

Multilingual Storytime Saturday, March 29 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the diversity of our community! Every month we will learn about a new culture through language, art, song and story. This month we will be joined by Soraya to learn about Brazil and the Portuguese language! **No registration required.**

Programs for Teens

Brightside Pizza Pop-Up (12+ years) Monday, March 3 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Enjoy pizza and games with Brightside. Brightside Youth Hub is a Woodstock-based group dedicated to helping youth get access to the services they need at no cost. **No registration required.**

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Ages 15-17

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Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years) Thursdays, March 20 & 27 – 11–11:45 a.m.

Can you and your friends solve all the puzzles to break open the box? A new Breakout EDU game will be featured each week! **No registration required.**

It's a Plant Potting Party! (12–18 years) Tuesday, March 11 – 2–4 p.m.

Come prepared to get a little messy! Join us as we paint terra cotta plant pots that we will use as homes for succulents. A plant care tip sheet will be included with the project. Pots and plants provided. **Registration required. Registration now open.**

Coding: Wearable Technologies (14–18 years) Tuesday, March 25 – 6:30-8 p.m.

In this workshop, participants will learn the basics of wearable computing and electronics by creating an interactive project. Participants will explore how technology can be integrated into everyday clothing and accessories. Facilitated by the University of Waterloo Stratford School of Interaction Design and Business. **Registration required. Registration opens March 10 at 10 a.m.**

Programs for Adults

Knitting and Crochet Drop-In Saturdays, March 1 & 15 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

A cozy hour of knitting and crochet! Bring your current project or check out our collection of crochet and knitting books for patterns. **No registration required.**

Board Game Drop-In Mondays, March 3 & 17 – 2–4 p.m.

Play your favourite classic board game or challenge yourself to try something new. All board games provided. **No registration required.**

Mah-Jongg Tuesdays, March 4–25 – 10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

American Mah-Jongg is an exciting game that will challenge participants. Join us! **No registration required.**

Chit Chat Circle Tuesdays, March 4–25 – 2–3:30 p.m.

Socialize in a safe space hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). **No registration required.**



First Time Home Buyers Seminar

Wednesday, March 5 – 6–7 p.m.

This educational session is designed especially for first time home buyers. A local realtor and mortgage broker will provide information that will help navigate the home buying process. Registration now open.

WPL Book Club

Tuesday, March 11 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursday, March 13 – 7–8 p.m.

Begin each month with a good read! Join us for our afternoon or evening session for a lively discussion on the title selected. Open to all. No registration required.

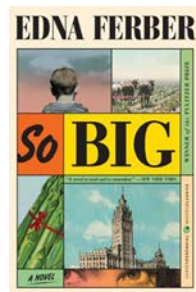
March Title

The Seventh Veil of Salome
Silvia Moreno-Garcia



April Title

So Big
Edna Ferber



Pub Trivia Night

Wednesday, March 19 – 7–8:30 p.m.

Join us at Upper Thames Brewing Company each month where you and your teammates can test your smarts against other beer enthusiasts! No registration required.



Crafty Adults

Thursday, March 27 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Learn about paper quilling and make your own art piece. All supplies provided. No prior experience is required. Registration required. Registration opens March 13 at 10 a.m.

Cyber Assist

Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Book one-on-one assistance with our technology specialist. Sessions are 30 minutes in length. Book online or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006.

Genealogy Assist

Book a one-on-one session with a genealogy specialist librarian. Learn how to use the library's digital microfilm readers and e-Resources including Ancestry Library Edition and Paper of Record. Each session is 50 minutes in length. Registration required. Check our website or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006 for available dates and times.

Queer Conversations (16+ years)

Tuesday, March 11 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join WPL and the Oxford County Community Health for a gathering of 2SLGBTQIA+ community and conversation. No registration required.



Oxford County
Community Health Centre

Understanding Homelessness

Tuesday, March 18 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered why we are seeing a rise in homelessness? Wondered what kind of resources are available? Join the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and the Mobile Health Outreach Bus (MHOB) for an opportunity to discuss homelessness, including causes, complexities and resources. No registration required.



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Upcoming Programs

Lunch & Learn: WWI Art and the Group of Seven

Mar. 18 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Discover how a modern Canadian art movement emerged from World War I. The Canadian landscape became a representation of Canadian culture which was in sharp contrast to the ravaged environment of war-torn Europe. Learn from historian Dr. Jason Pankratz about the artists who became the Group of Seven and how they were influenced by their experiences during the war and created a unique Canadian art identity. The presentation will be followed by a light lunch. Register in advance to reserve your spot. **Ages: 16+ \$20**

Community Connections: What is Ramadan?

Mar. 22 | 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Meet your Muslim neighbours during a special time of year. Ramadan is a time of fasting, reflections and generosity. Come learn in casual conversation about the Woodstock Muslim Association and the Five Pillars of Islam. Kids can also enjoy a colouring or Ramadan lantern crafting activity. **Ages: 8 to Adults FREE**

Butter Churn Day Camp

Mar. 28 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Get ready for a hands-on adventure! Campers will explore the history of butter making with exciting activities and crafts. They'll learn how to churn their own butter, make a butter sculpture and play fun farm-themed games. Please ensure your child has this day off school before booking. **\$55 (Members \$49.50)**

Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshop

Apr. 5 | 1–4 p.m.

Join instructor Dottie Smith as we explore the art of historical Ukrainian egg dyeing in this hands-on adult workshop. The amazingly intricate method of egg decorating is brought back by popular demand! All materials included. Space is limited so register soon for this unique class. **Ages: 16+ \$40 (Members \$36)**

Tea Party Day Camp

Apr. 11 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Pinkies up! Today we'll enjoy delightful activities inspired by classic tea parties. We'll create Alice in Wonderland crafts, Mad Hatter games, and make a delicious treat all while learning about the art of hosting and sharing. Please ensure your child has this day off school before booking. **\$55 (Members \$49.50)**

Lunch & Learn: Bernadette Smith & Woodstock's Political Stories

Apr. 15 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Celebrate the woman who blazed the political trail for Woodstock. Learn about the life and achievements of our first female Mayor by research from Samatha Henderson and compare municipal politics of the era to that of today with Councillor Kate Leatherbarrow and Mayor Jerry Acchione. We'll look at gender parity in politics, how people locally are making changes and what elections of the past can tell us. The presentation will be followed by a light lunch. Register in advance to reserve your spot. **Ages: 16+ \$20**

Zero Waste Film Screening

Apr. 22 | 6:30–9 p.m.

Join us to watch *The Clean Bin Project* where filmmakers make a game out of going without garbage. Funny, eye-opening and entertaining. A discussion after the film will be an opportunity to share your ideas and learn about what's happening locally. Popcorn included! Register in advance. **Ages: 16+ \$5 (Members FREE)**

Lunch & Learn: Our Stories on Stage!

May. 20 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Some of our best local history stories have been turned into sold-out theatre productions right here in Woodstock and Oxford. Perhaps you've seen *Kai the Barbarian* about George Leslie MacKay and the Oxford Taiwan connection. Or plays on the lives of Joe Boyle, Aimee Semple McPherson, and Cassie Chadwick! Playwright Bill Butt will share how his plays have gotten made, and some local stories still waiting to be written and put on-stage. The presentation will be followed by a light lunch. **Ages: 16+ \$20**

2025 Summer Camps

Join in all the fun this summer with learning, history, games, excursions, special guests and unique themes. Make some friends and try something new! Buy a family membership now to receive a discount on programs all year!

Camps run on weekdays from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Extended care is not available.

Dino Camp

July 2–4 | Ages 4–6

If you dig Dinosaurs, this week of fun at the Museum is for you. Bones & fossils can tell you what types of dinosaurs lived long ago, what they ate and how they got around. Use our collection of fossils to delve into the past with fun games, and Dino crafts.

3 Day Camp: \$120 (Members \$108)

Totally Jurassic Camp

July 7–11 | Ages 7–12

What extinct creatures roamed the Jurassic period? Check out ancient fossils, learn to draw Jurassic dinos and what an archaeological dig site is really like. Explore a hands-on science exhibit, make cool crafts, experiments and have fun with friends.

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)

Spectacular Science Jr.

July 14–18 | Ages 5–8

Crank up the chemistry, blare the biology and fill up with physics! Try super fun experiments, play outdoor games, make scientist crafts and if you feel like it – style your hair just like Einstein's!

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)

Spectacular Science

July 21–25 | Ages 7–12

Discover the world of science with fascinating hands-on experiments with our special exhibit! Crank up the chemistry, blare the biology and fill up with physics! Try super fun experiments, play outdoor games, and make science theme crafts!

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)

Unicorn Camp

July 28–Aug. 1 | Ages 4–7

Our unicorn utopia has everything you need to fulfill your magical fantasies. Get glittered, make unicorn crafts, and play fun, magical games this week!

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)

Villain Con Camp

Aug. 5–8 | Ages 7–12

This hilarious camp will give the villains of books and movies the chance to be the star. Superheroes need Super Villains, so if you've felt a kinship with Darth Vader, this week is for you. We'll dress up like Captain Hook or the Evil Queen from Snow White and see if the bad guys change their ways by the end of the story.

4 Day Camp: \$160 (Members \$144)

Culture Camp: Woodstock Art Gallery & Woodstock Museum

Aug. 11–15 | Ages 6–12

Discover the spectacular world of science with hands-on experiments at the Woodstock Museum and explore the arts at the Woodstock Art Gallery. Visit woodstockmuseum.ca or woodstockartgallery.ca for more details about this exciting combined program!

Specialty Camp: \$300 (Members \$250)

Fairy Tale Camp

Aug. 18–22 | Ages 4–6

Become an enchanted frog, a fairy who grants wishes and so much more as we explore a week of fairy tales. Create your own coat of arms and learn the Knights creed. Pick a Princess from the storybook and try fun mythical games.

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)



Special Programs for Schools and Groups

Physics Matters: An Interactive Science Exhibit

Discover the science that shapes our everyday lives with an engaging exhibit all about physics! Explore topics including matter, force, motion, light, sound, structures and simple machines through diagrams, interactive components and hands-on activities. This program supports the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum for Grades 3–5.

Book Now!

Available from January 25–June 26, 2025 for schools or until Aug. 22, 2025 for camps and community groups.

Cost: \$6 per student (minimum \$100)

Contact the Education Officer at 519-537-8424 or submit a school programming request online.



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- Direct Interaction with Employers:**
Unlike online job searches, the Career Expo will provide the opportunity to meet employers face-to-face. This direct interaction allows you to make a memorable impression, showcase your skills and enthusiasm, and gain insights into company cultures. Building personal connections with recruiters and hiring managers can significantly enhance your chances of standing out in the application process.

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- 1 Limitless Opportunities:**
Expand your job prospects and expose yourself to a wide array of career possibilities.
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- 3 Hands-On Experience:**
Immerse yourself in the job market by participating in interactive demonstrations, allowing you to touch, try, and experience different industries firsthand.
- 4 Expert Guidance:**
Benefit from career experts and industry professionals offering insights, advice, and guidance to help you navigate your career path more effectively.
- 5 Unlock the Hidden Job Market:**
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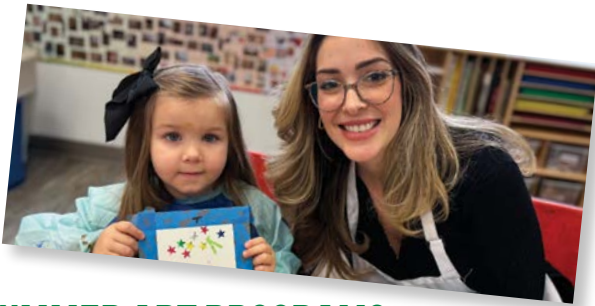


COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



SPRING & SUMMER

AT THE WAG



SUMMER ART PROGRAMS

We're excited to announce that full day Summer Art Camps are back this year, along with a new collaborative Culture Camp with the Woodstock Museum! Our popular Mini Makers half-day art classes are also returning for three weeks this summer.

Nature Art Camp

July 7 – 11
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Uncover the beauty of nature through art! Explore a variety of ecosystems at our local parks and trails, learn about climate change, examine the importance of conservation practices with the City of Woodstock's Parks and Forestry experts, and appreciate the deeply interconnected relationship between art and nature. Gather nature items and experiment with found objects and non-traditional media, create collaborative outdoor art and explore current exhibitions with art education professionals. By the end of the week, young artists will create a professionally curated portfolio of original nature-themed artwork!

Age: 6 – 12
Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Visit woodstockartgallery.ca for full details and to register!

Start with Art (Ages 0 – 5)

March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, April 30
11 – 11:45 a.m.

After School Program: Juniors (Ages 5 – 8)

March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, April 30
4 – 5:30 p.m.

After School Program: Seniors (Ages 9 – 12)

March 26, April 9, April 23
4 – 5:30 p.m.

Creative PA Day (Ages 5 – 12)

Friday, April 11
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mindful Mark Making (Ages 13+)

Wednesday, April 9
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Mini Makers

July 14 – 18, August 5 – 8, & August 18 – 22
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Discover your inner Mini Maker! Professional art educators will introduce young artists to a variety of artistic fundamentals, techniques, tools and materials through mindful artistic practices and collaborative art projects during these half-day art classes. Learn about colour theory, the elements of art, observational skills, art appreciation and other foundational art concepts through age-appropriate, hands-on, formal art lessons and guided gallery tours. Young artists will also enjoy plenty of self-guided play, outdoor exploration and social interaction with their peers.

Age: 4 – 6
Cost: 5 day week \$225 (Members \$200)
Cost (4-Day Week): \$180 (Members \$160)

MARCH BREAK ART CAMP

March 10 – 14

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Join WAG for a full week of fun and inspiring hands-on art projects, field trips, collaborative activities and special guests. This year, we're focused on nature! Find inspiration while exploring our local parks and trails, examine the importance of conservation practices with the City of Woodstock's Parks and Forestry experts, Learn photography fundamentals and editing using professional equipment with our partners at Focus on Nature. By the end of the week, young artists will create an exhibition of their work to be displayed in the Community Gallery this spring! All materials are included in the cost of registration.

Age: 6 – 12

Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)

Graffiti Art Camp

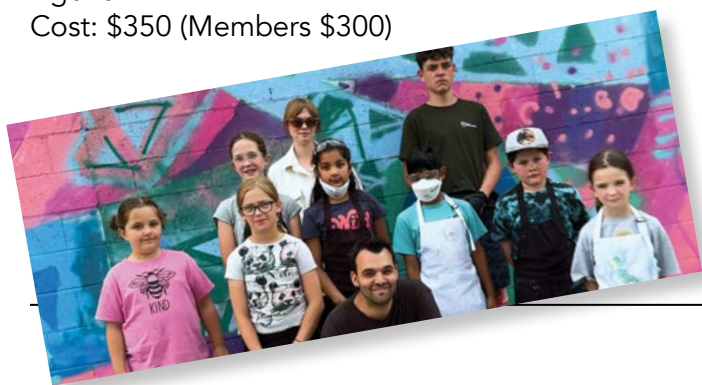
July 21 – 25

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Unleash your inner graffiti artist, design your own tag and express yourself! This camp will reveal the fascinating world of graffiti, urban art and murals. Discover numerous graffiti techniques, non-traditional tools and specialty equipment with guidance from art professionals and special guest artists. Examine the history, legal responsibilities, and health and safety requirements of urban art. By the end of the week, young artists will create a collaborative professional graffiti mural on the outside back wall of the Woodstock Art Gallery!

Age: 6 – 12

Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)



YOUTH AND ADULT WORKSHOP SERIES

Celebrating Me

Wednesdays, April 2 – 30

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Presented by artist, mediator, crisis intervention specialist and R2 Resilience expert Carleana De Wilde (CSC-CPLC., M.A.A.Ed.), this program is a fun, non-clinical and exciting way to rediscover your self-confidence. Registrants will consider, explore and implement resiliency coping skills in a safe environment. Weekly workshops will focus on connecting with self through the creative process of movement, nutrition, reflection and stillness.

Age: 13+

Cost: \$50/workshop (Members \$40/workshop)

Culture Camp: Woodstock Art Gallery & Woodstock Museum

Aug. 11 – 15

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This two-in-one summer camp is designed to provide a full week of fun and inspiring hands-on projects, field trips and collaborative activities! Discover the spectacular world of science that shapes our everyday lives with hands-on experiments at the Woodstock Museum. Learn about topics such as matter, force, motion, light, sound, structures and simple machines through interactive components. Experience the transformative power of art through mindful creative practices at the Woodstock Art Gallery. Find inspiration during guided gallery tours and local field trips, and explore numerous artistic techniques, media, tools and equipment through hands-on and collaborative art lessons in our fully equipped art studio.

Age: 6 – 12

Cost: \$300 (Members \$250)

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

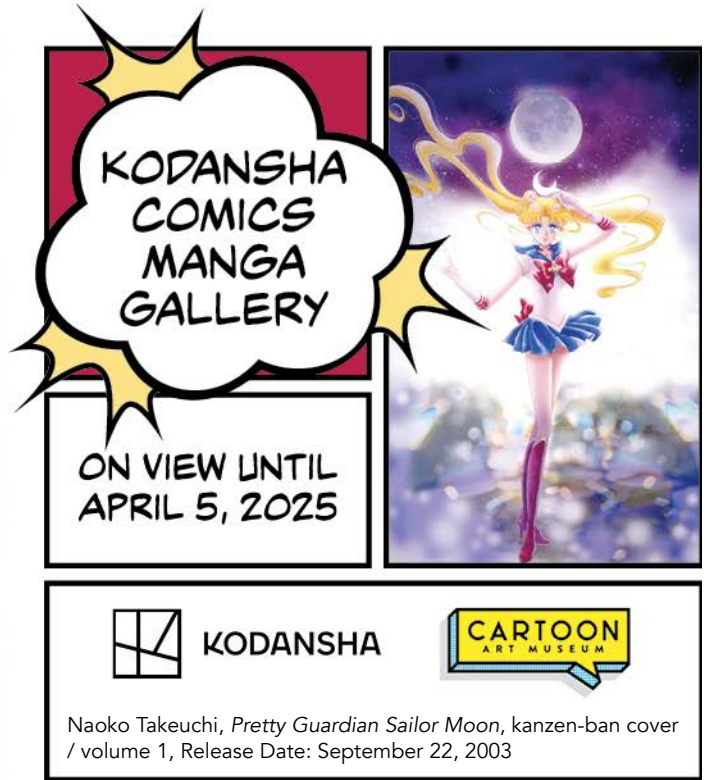


FLORENCE
CARLYLE

In the Space Between

On view until July 5, 2025
Curator: Danielle Hoevenaars

Florence Carlyle, *Motherhood* (detail), 1910



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CARTOON
ART MUSEUM

Naoko Takeuchi, *Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon*, kanzen-ban cover / volume 1, Release Date: September 22, 2003



GATHERING
FICTIONS

A Dialogue
on Painting
Michel Daigneault +
Janet Jones

Feb. 15 – June 21, 2025
Curator: Anik Glaude

Organized by



Michael Daigneault, *Rose*, 2023
Janet Jones, *Voices of Love*, 2021

BETTY McARTHUR

Present in the Moment

On view until July 5, 2025
Curator: Danielle Hoevenaars



Betty McArthur, *Four Geese with Heads Up*, 1987

COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK

March

- 2 **Woodstock Curling Centre 'Learn to Curl,'** Woodstock Curling Centre, 114 Beale Street, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Cost: \$99.75 plus tax. This session runs Sundays from January 26th through to March 2nd & 9th. Phone 519-539-9512 or email curl@woodstockcurling.com. For details, please visit woodstockcurling.com
- 10 **Best U Health Expo – 30 Exhibitors,** Reeves Community Complex, 381 Finkle Street, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Free! Seniors Active Living Fair, hosted by South Gate with the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario, and funded by the Government of Ontario. Visit southgatectr.com for details. Email sgc@southgatectr.ca, or phone 519-539-9817.
- 10–14 **March Break Skating,** Reeves Community Complex, 381 Finkle Street, Red Rink, 1:15–2:05 p.m. Free. Visit cityofwoodstock.ca/skatingschedule or call 519-421-3484.
- 13 **Living with Loss,** St. David's United Church, Woodstock, 2–3:30 p.m. Call or text 519-536-3370 to register or to inquire about future dates. One-on-one support is also available at no cost. We offer a safe, supportive space to explore your grief, with the guidance of trained facilitators. Email info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com or visit: www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com
- 14 **Maggie's Wake,** Theatre Woodstock, 22 Reeve St, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$40. Maggie's Wake is a Canadian contemporary folk group, creating a new traditional sound. For details, visit: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=261595>
- 15 **Oxford Philatelic Society 73rd OXPEX & 43rd OTEX,** St. Mary's Catholic H.S., 431 Juliana Drive. Free admission and parking. Framed and judged exhibits. 15 dealers. Youth table. Sales circuit books. Draw prizes. Phone 519-485-2886 or visit oxfordphilatelicsociety.ca Email starlad@rogers.com
- 26 **Oxford Historical Society,** Woodstock Museum, 6:30 p.m., Free, open to all. Presentation by Helen Dowd, Secretary, Zorra Caledonian Society and the Embro Highland Games. Check www.oxhs.ca or oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca. Email info@oxhs.ca or phone 226-242-4774.
- 27 **K2K Productions Presents 'Finding Nemo Jr.'**, 65 Lansdowne Ave. Tickets \$25. Bring your family for a night of fun to see K2K Productions Junior Co. in *Finding Nemo Jr.* March 27, 28, April 3, 4 at 7 p.m.; March 29 & April 5 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Visit k2kproductions.ca/boxoffice or email boxoffice@k2kproductions.ca Phone 519-290-9525.
- 27 **Open Stage Night,** Early Bird Coffee, 375 Dundas Street, 6–9 p.m. Share your music, poetry and art. Contact Jenilee Halls at 519-535-3555 or jenileehalls@yahoo.com
- 29 **Diamonds, Death & Second Chances,** Sally Creek Community Centre, 330 Lakeview Drive. Tickets \$40 to \$45. Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: James Blonde has been sent in to protect the "peace diamond" at a jewellery auction. Will he succeed? Visit southgatectr.com for details. Email sgc@southgatectr.ca, or phone 519-539-9817.



WOODSTOCK ART GALLERY

Culture CAMP

WOODSTOCK MUSEUM



- **TWO-IN-ONE-CAMP:** A perfect mix of Science and Art
- **HANDS-ON-FUN:** Experiments, creative projects & interactive activities
- **SCIENCE EXPLORATION:** Matter, force, motion, light, sound & simple machines
- **ART ADVENTURES:** Guided gallery tours, field trips & studio-based art lessons
- **FULL-DAY EXPERIENCE:** Mornings at the Gallery, afternoons at the Museum

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