



## Calling All Visual Artists

### 2016 Art Exhibitions at McLean Community Centre

The Town of Ajax offers hanging space at the McLean Community Centre (95 Magill Drive, Ajax) for up to 14 exhibitors 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, assistance with artwork installation/dismantling, 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 tabloid publication, "ArtScene", as well as on their website, [www.pineridgearts.org](http://www.pineridgearts.org).

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

The logo for PineRidge Arts Council, featuring the text "PineRidge Arts Council" in a stylized font, with "PineRidge" on the top line and "Arts Council" on the bottom line, set against a black background with a white diagonal swoosh.

### Applications are due by Friday, November 20, 2015

Please mail or drop off the application to:

PineRidge Arts Council  
Attention: Gwen Williams, Visual Arts Coordinator  
107 - 580 Eyer Drive  
Pickering, ON L1W 3B7

For further information visit [www.ajax.ca](http://www.ajax.ca) or [www.pineridgearts.org](http://www.pineridgearts.org) or contact:  
Gwen Williams (PRAC) at 905-831-6057 or [togwen@rogers.com](mailto:togwen@rogers.com) OR  
Robert Prochilo (Town of Ajax) at 905-619-2529, ext. 7243 or [robert.prochilo@ajax.ca](mailto:robert.prochilo@ajax.ca)

## **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 1 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. Gallery canvases, finished on the edges will also be accepted.
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. On the required date, Artists must deliver and pick up their work at 9:00 a.m. (delivery to be completed by 9:30 a.m.)
8. Two separate solo shows may be scheduled during the same dates (one show in the West Hall, one show in the East Hall). PRAC will coordinate all 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. For publicity purposes - artists must submit a short bio and photograph to the Town of Ajax Community Development Coordinator along with a two line description of the art exhibit. This must be included with the application at the time of submission.
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 all 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. As soon as possible, prior to the exhibition starting date, artists are to submit a listing of their accepted artwork and values to Gwen Williams, PRAC Visual Arts Coordinator (see attached Artist Exhibition Form). A copy must also be emailed to **robert.prochilo@ajax.ca**.

### **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 works.

The Town of Ajax provides all hanging equipment (chains, s- hooks, ladder, etc) for artwork installation and removal during the dates and times assigned. The exhibit will be promoted on the Town and PRAC websites. PRAC will provide signage for the exhibition while the Town of Ajax will provide 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.

**2016 Art Exhibition Application Form  
McLean Community Centre**

**Due November 20, 2015**

<b>Name of Artist</b>		
<b>Full Address</b>		
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Home:</b>	<b>Cell:</b>
<b>Email</b>		

**Showing Preference:**

<b>2016 Exhibition Dates</b>	<b>East Hall (X)</b>	<b>West Hall (X)</b>	<b>Both East &amp; West Hall (X)</b>	<b>Exhibition Dates</b> Please indicate 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> choice
January 5 - February 9				
February 9 - March 22				
March 22 - April 26				
April 20 – May 25				
May 25 – June 07				
June 07 – August 2				
August 2 – September 6				
September 6 – October 18				
October 18 – November 22				
November 22 – Jan. 3, 2017				

**2016 Featured Artist Exhibition Form**

<b>Name of Artist:</b>	Hanging Date/9:30 a.m. :
Telephone (H) (B)	Dismantling Date/9:00 a.m.:

Listing of Works on Exhibit

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Sale Price/Value</b> (including applicable taxes)
1.			\$
2.			
3.			
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2016 Art Exhibitions - McLean Community Centre**

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**Name of Artist:**

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Sale Price/Value</b> (including applicable taxes)
			\$

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_