



Calling All Visual Artists & Photographers 2023

Exhibitions at McLean Community Centre

The Town of Ajax offers gallery 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, 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, pineridgearts.org.

Interested artists, or groups of artists, are required to submit:

- A completed application form
- A short biography (either individual or group) and a 2 to 3 line description of the works and exhibition that can be posted with the exhibit.
- Photo/headshot of the artist or group of artists
- 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.

Applications are due by Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Please mail or drop off the application and photos to:

Franco Pang
Cultural Program Supervisor
2nd Floor
75 Centennial Road
Ajax ON
L1S 4S4

For further information visit ajax.ca or pineridgearts.org or contact:
Rola Jaber (PRAC) at 416-825-2425 or rolajaber@hotmail.com OR
Franco Pang (Town of Ajax) at 905-619-2529, ext. 2787 or Franco.Pang@ajax.ca

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 curved shape on the left.

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.
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 contact 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 10% commission on all works sold during the show. Works 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 work and values to Rola Jaber, PRAC Visual Arts Coordinator (see attached Artist Exhibition Form).

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 (20) and West Hall (25) 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 Town of Ajax contact 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. If food is served, Durham Region Public Health forms must be completed and submitted to the Region no less than 30 days prior to the event date.

**2023 Art Exhibition Application Form
McLean Community Centre**

Due Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Name of Artist	
Full Address	
Telephone	Home: _____ Cell: _____
Email	

Showing Preference:

2023 Exhibition Dates	West Hall (X)	East Hall (X)	Both East & West Hall (X)	Exhibition Dates Please indicate 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd choice
January 9 – February 13				
February 13 – March 20				
March 20 – April 24				
April 24 – May 29				RESERVED
May 29 – July 3				
July 3 – August 7				
August 7 – September 11				
September 11 – October 17				
October 17 – November 20				RESERVED
November 20 – January 8 2024				

2023 Featured Artist Exhibition Form

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

Listing of Works on Exhibit

	Title	Medium	Sale Price/Value (including applicable taxes)
1.			\$
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
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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: _____

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Name of Artist: _____

	Title	Medium	Sale Price/Value (including applicable taxes)
13.			\$
14.			
15.			
16.			
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24.			
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