

Guelph Arts Council Opens its Doors for Culture Days

Guelph, ON – September 21, 2017 – On Saturday, September 30, from 10 am – 12 pm, Guelph Arts Council will host an **Open House** at its new location at 10C Shared Space, 42 Carden Street. The Open House will include a tour of the co-working centre at 11 am. The event, one of many events happening during Culture Days weekend, will also launch GAC's new digital **Historical Walking Tours** program.

Guelph Arts Council's new home is an accessible, street level, art-filled space that shines a spotlight on Guelph's creative community. For artists and arts workers looking for support, and residents and visitors looking for arts experiences, GAC's new location is an easy-to-find one-stop shop. In addition to the 11 am tour, the Open House will include kids' colouring activities, information about GAC and its members' programs, refreshments, and a last-chance opportunity to see Focus on Nature's *Naturally Canadian II* exhibition.

GAC is also launching digital versions of its popular **Historical Walking Tours**, which are led by experienced volunteer Tour Guides on Sunday afternoons (late April to early October, except July). For residents and visitors looking for a self-guided option, the Tours are now available online at guelpharts.ca/walking-tours-digital-booklets. The booklets are free to access; donations to GAC are appreciated. The original print booklets – a wonderful gift for any Guelph history buff – are available at Guelph Arts Council, The Bookshelf, and Guelph Civic Museum. GAC's Sunday October 1 Tour, *Brooklyn and the College Hill*, is also a free Culture Days event. The Historical Walking Tours are sponsored by [Sleeman Breweries](#).

Culture Days is a national celebration of Canadian culture in which millions of Canadians engage in free activities hosted by artists, cultural organizations, and municipalities in communities across Canada. Culture Days in Guelph is organized by the **City of Guelph** in partnership with Guelph Arts Council, and features 37 registered activities. Find local listings at culturedays.ca/en/2017-activities or guelph.ca/living/arts-and-culture/special-projects/culturedays/cd-activities/.

About Guelph Arts Council:

For forty years, Guelph Arts Council has been dedicated to supporting, stimulating and promoting arts and culture in Guelph. Guelph Arts Council is funded in part by **The Guelph Community Foundation** and **City of Guelph**. We also acknowledge the support of the **Ontario Arts Council**, an agency of the Government of Ontario, and our annual sponsors **Meridian** and **Gary Stewart of CIBC Wood Gundy**.

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