

Public Programs

Spring 2020



Varley Art Gallery Public Programs

About

The Varley Art Gallery of Markham is a vital cultural hub for artists and diverse communities. As a municipal gallery, we create critical conversations about Canadian art and society. We inspire local and national audiences to engage with art through outstanding exhibitions and rich public and educational programs relevant to the communities we serve.

We also share and celebrate the life and work of F. H. Varley, a founding member of the Group of Seven.

How to Register

Use individual barcodes to register three ways:

1. Online via EZ Reg at Markham.ca
2. Call FAST TRACK at 905-475-4867
3. In-person at the Varley Art Gallery

Registration begins on February 11 for residents and February 12 for non-residents. Non-residents incur a \$10 fee for all programs.

Transfer, Withdrawal and Cancellation Policy

A full refund will be provided for any course that the Varley cancels before the course start date.

If you would like to transfer to a different course, a transfer request can be submitted at least seven days before the course date. Transfers are dependent on availability and require approval from the Programs Coordinator.

All cancellation requests must be received 7 days prior to the start of all adult programs and before the third class for children programs in order to receive a full credit or refund.

To request a transfer or refund, please fill out the Program Withdrawal and Refund Request Form which can be found online at Markham.ca. Submit completed forms to Varley@markham.ca.




Varley Members Save!

Members of the Varley Art Gallery save a 10% discount on all* registered art classes. Non-residents also have the perk of registering on the same day as Markham residents. Become a member and save today!

*For children aged 14 and under, the parent must hold a family membership in order for the discount to apply.

Contact Us

We look forward to seeing you at the Varley Art Gallery

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Adult Art Class



Supply lists will be emailed to participants one week before classes start.

Weekend Workshops

Unionville En Plein Air | 361264

May 30 - 31 | 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | \$60.50

Do you paint en plein air? Come join Sam Paonessa, professional artist/instructor and paint in picturesque Unionville for two days. Focus will be on painting the charming Main Street architecture and Toogood Pond Park. Artists can use acrylic or oils. Some outdoor painting experience required. Materials not included.

Printmaking Studio | 364767

May 24 and 31 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | \$60.50

Learn several printmaking techniques with artist Sarka Buchl-Stephenson in this two-day workshop. Participants will create one-of-a-kind, finished artworks and cards using monoprinting and collagraph techniques. Materials not included.

Acrylic Pouring | 365524

May 24 and 31 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | \$60.50

Have fun and use your imagination in this two day paint pouring workshop with Olivana Tonon. Learn how to manipulate acrylic paints using different mediums and thinners to achieve unique and expressive results. Led by an experienced art instructor, you'll explore technical aspects of paint mixing and pouring. Materials not included.

Hand Lettered Mother's Day Cards | 364774

May 3 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | \$33

In this two-hour workshop, you'll will learn how to draw beautiful script letters and use them to create your own one-of-a-kind Mother's Day card. Leave with a finished greeting card as well as a set of worksheets to continue your hand lettering practice at home. No experience needed. Materials not included.

Beginner Classes

Apr. 7 – May. 26, 2020 | 8 classes | Materials not included | \$301

Drawing Studio | Beginner | 363446

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. |

Instructor: Glenn Bernabe

If you're fascinated by art but have little or no experience, come into the Varley Art Gallery to learn the basics. In a friendly, safe and encouraging environment, you'll practice the fundamentals of form, perspective, proportion, and composition. Through simple exercises, play with materials like conté, charcoal and ink to improve your drawing abilities.

Introduction to Watercolour | 361732

Tuesdays | 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. |

Instructor: Lori Spendiff

Learn the basics of watercolour painting - colour, brush techniques, and more. Emphasis will be placed on solid drawing, composition, and colour theory. No experience required.

Acrylic Pouring | 365523

Wednesdays | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. |

Instructor: Olivana Tonon

This course explores how to use acrylic paints as a fluid tool to create expressive, non-representational paintings. Artist demonstrations, one-on-one attention and class critiques are an important part of this course and will help you to develop a strong understanding of colour and composition.

NEW! Cosplay Drawing & Painting | 364788

Wednesdays | 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. |

Instructor: Glenn Bernabe

Are you a fan of fantasy or science fiction art? Have you wondered what it would be like to draw or paint a super hero, a medieval knight or a soldier from World War II? This class is a life drawing/painting class inspired by classic illustration and thematic art. Artists will work from a different model each week who will be sporting a different genre costume. Painting and drawing mediums will be open to the artist and can include acrylic, watercolour, pastel, water-based oils, and charcoal. A critique of the work at the beginning of each class will enhance your practice. For advanced and intermediate artists with experience in figure drawing/life drawing.

Introduction to Acrylic Painting | 365101

Thursdays | 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. |

Instructor: Ruth del Fresno-Guillem

Whether this is the first time you're picking up a paintbrush, or keep looking to return to your practice, come into the studio and get painting! In a warm and welcoming environment, learn the fundamentals and forgiving nature of acrylic paints. Through experimentation, guided lessons and learning to follow your intuition you will develop a personal style while learning a variety of techniques. Absolutely no experience required.

Painting the Canadian Landscape | 365096

Thursdays | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. |

Instructor: Ruth del Fresno-Guillem

Do landscape paintings inspire you? Are you a fan of the Group of Seven, Emily Carr or Tom Thomson? Study fundamental painting techniques in acrylics and learn how to paint a traditional landscape. Through in-gallery discussions, studio demonstrations and group critiques, artists of all levels will develop their personal style while using Canadian landscape paintings as inspiration!

Drawing into Watercolours | 365060

Thursdays | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. |

Instructor: Sarka Buchl-Stephenson

This course in drawing and painting is suited for the absolute beginner. From weeks one to four, the emphasis will be on learning the fundamentals of drawing including composition, contour, proportion, form and perspective. Weeks five to eight will be based on sketching and painting with watercolours. Students will study Varley's field sketches and proceed by rendering in pen and ink and learning to layer washes. In-class demonstrations, gallery visits, independent work and discussions are important components of the course.

Painting for Pleasure* | 364344

Fridays, starting Apr. 17 – Jun. 5 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Instructor: Bernadette Lau

Play with paint in a welcoming and inspiring studio setting. Working next to like-minded people, you'll enjoy learning how to paint with fun and unique tools while getting comfortable with acrylic paint techniques. Whether you're new to acrylics or returning to your practice, enjoy working at your own pace. A friendly instructor will help guide you in colour mixing, understanding tone and value, while challenging you to apply balance, unity and emphasis in your final work. **Class starts at a later date than our other classes.*

Hand Lettering – Beginner | 364773

Thursdays | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. |

Instructor: Erica Pinto

Hand lettering is a fun and creative way to transform words on a page into a meaningful and memorable piece of artwork. Through a combination of hands-on exercises and take-home projects, students will learn the fundamentals of hand lettering and will have the opportunity to experiment with a variety of tools, styles and techniques. Students will learn how to move confidently through the lettering process, including developing layouts, analyzing and refining drafts, and adding ink. No experience required.

NEW! Introduction to Soft Pastel | 364791

Thursdays | 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. |

Instructor: Glenn Bernabe

Get hands-on and learn the fundamentals of working with soft pastels. Working from photographs and still life arrangements you'll discover the versatility and potential this unique medium offers. Master pastel artist Glenn Bernabe, will guide you through colour, composition and pastel application techniques. Basic drawing skills recommended.

Advanced Classes

Apr. 17 – Jun. 5, 2020 | 8 classes | Materials not included | \$301



Acrylic Skins | 365522

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. |

Instructor: Olivana Tonon

Allow your creativity to flow and explore nontraditional methods of working with acrylic paints. Following your intuition and learning abstraction techniques. You'll love learning the ways acrylics can be thinned, mixed and poured to create a one-of-a-kind art skin. Once dry, these skins can stand alone, but through demonstrations and one-on-one critiques, you'll learn how to work poured skins into collage, and into your painting style. Suitable for intermediate to advanced artists.

Drawing Studio: Advanced | 363447

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. | Instructor: Glenn Bernabe

If you're fascinated by art and looking to elevate your drawing skills, come into the Varley Art Gallery and hone your craft. In a friendly, safe and encouraging environment, you'll practice form, perspective, proportion and composition. Through simple exercises, you'll play with materials like conté, charcoal and ink to improve your drawing abilities.

Mixed Media & Watercolour – Intermediate | 361735

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. | Instructor: Lori Spendiff

Take your watercolour painting to a new level. Learn how to create depth and interesting textures in your paintings with Paper Collage, and other mixed media. Experiment with watercolour paint, paper and drawing materials to explore texture, colour and shape. Working from photos, basic concept and composition through to how to finish your work will be covered. Basic watercolour experience is required.

Oil Painting – Advanced | 361727

Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. | Instructor: Sam Paonessa

Come into the Varley Art Gallery and learn how to paint with water-based oils. Using a variety of techniques, you'll begin by experimenting with brushes and mediums. Learn how to use line, shape, colour and texture while exploring the principles of composition, balance and perspective. Through in-gallery lectures, you'll get exclusive access to study oil paintings from the Gallery's permanent collection.



Drop In

Self directed, non-instructional sessions for developing your artistic practice. The Varley provides easels, sinks, Wi-Fi, and free admission to the exhibitions*. Bring your own materials. Limited space available. Artists under the age of 18 must have parental permission to participate in nude life drawing sessions.

Wednesday Night Open Studio

Apr. 8 – May 27, 2020 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | \$10 | FREE for Varley Members!
Practice your art and make use of our open studio.

Date	Barcode	Date	Barcode
Apr. 8	361825	May 6	361829
Apr. 15	361826	May 13	361830
Apr. 22	361827	May 20	361831
Apr. 29	361828	May 27	361832

Thursday Night Life Drawing

Apr. 9 – May 28, 2020 | 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. | \$20 (\$15 advanced purchase)
Practice nude life drawing and build your social network.

Date	Barcode	Date	Barcode
Apr. 9	361719	May 7	361723
Apr. 16	361720	May 14	361724
Apr. 23	361721	May 21	361725
Apr. 30	361722	May 28	361726

Save!

Get a Life-Drawing Drop-in Pass for only \$70. Includes 4 Life-Drawing Drop-in sessions

*During regular operating hours.

YOUth Classes

Life Drawing and Drawing from Life | 365103 | 13 – 18 years
Wednesdays, Apr. 8 – May 27 (8 classes) | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | \$274

Learn the fundamentals of drawing and build on your artistic practice by working with your peers in a creative and inclusive environment. In studio, you'll learn how to draw what you see by working from a live model and still-life arrangements. Build on important skills such as composition, shape, proportions, tone, texture and form.

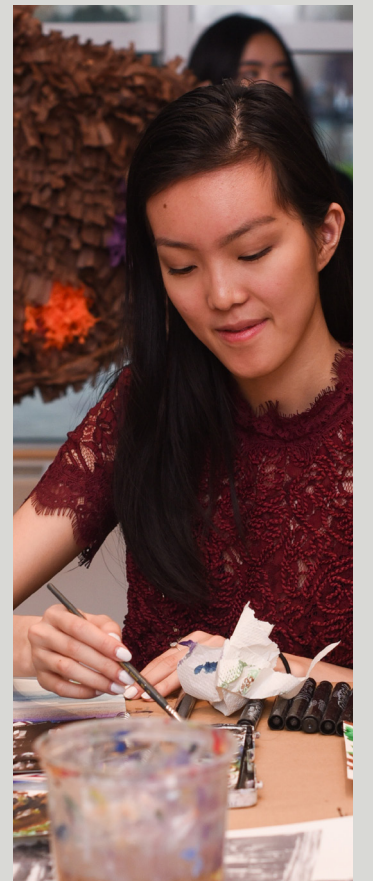
Art Escape | 361729 | 13 – 18 years
Thursdays, Apr. 9 – May 28 (8 classes) | 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. | \$274

Stressed out and need a break? Come in to the Varley Art Gallery for a calming, quiet and safe space to escape. Practicing to use your creativity and intuition in a professional art studio, you'll learn ways art can help you relax and clear your mind. A professional art instructor will gently guide students through watercolour and acrylic painting lessons where the process is just as beautiful as the product. No painting experience required. All are welcome. All materials included.

YOUth Workshops




Calligraphy Workshop | 366202 | 15+
Saturday, Apr. 18 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | \$22
Express your creative self and learn a new skill by practicing the art of calligraphy. This course will teach you the basics in a calm and relaxing art studio setting. Transform your projects, gifts or journal writings while learning important design skills. Some materials provided.

For My, Father: Handmade Cards | 366203 | 15+
Sunday, Jun. 14 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | \$22
Make your dad a handmade gift for Father's Day. This fun workshop will teach you how to make beautiful hand lettered cards using brush pens, ink and more. Learn basic calligraphy and design skills including typography, composition, harmony and consistency and leave with a one-of-a-kind gift.





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