

Giant teen art program coming this fall

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Local teenagers will get some first-hand mentoring by top-notch artists, thanks to a new, massive art project.

The King Township Museum and Arts Society King (ASK) are joining forces in this giant teen art project slated to begin this fall. The Museum was successful in obtaining a Cultural Development Fund grant from the Province of Ontario to put towards the funding of a youth arts and culture program. The program will run from October 2014 to June 2015 as a series of workshops taught by King Township's finest artists.

This is the perfect opportunity for high school students looking to hone their skills and develop a portfolio. Students will also be given the opportunity to gain community involvement hours. Starting small with garbage cans and banners the project will culminate with a final masterpiece ? a student-led art creation that will be a permanent fixture at the Museum.

The program begins with ?Culture Days? running Sept. 26-28.

It is time to show the world our culture! In this interactive community art project, participants will ?upcycle? garbage cans into Mona Lisa and Mondrian-inspired creations. The finished masterpieces will remain on the museum property for all to see. This is your chance to leave your mark on King Township. This is a free drop-in event.

Running October 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7-9 p.m. will be ?Just the Basics Workshop.??This is taught by artist Andrea Loepky.

Giovannina Colallilo, an award-winning illustrator, carries on with ?Just the Basics Workshop? Saturday, Oct. 25 from noon to 4 p.m.

These workshops will improve basic art skills including composition, colour use, sketching, and brush strokes. These workshops will lay the foundation for the rest of the work in this project. The Saturday workshop is a condensed version of the Thursday evening workshops.

?PhotoMosaic Workshops? follow November 6, 13, 20, 27, from 7-9 p.m. These will be taught by photographer Robert Brown.

Brown will teach participants the essentials to create beautiful photographic creations. The class will also study archival photographs from within King Township. The final masterpiece for this workshop will be a photo mosaic banner of The King Township Museum Train Station, one of Canada's oldest train stations. Bring your own digital camera.

In 2015, ?3-D Construction Workshops? will be held February 5, 12, 19 from 7-9 p.m. and Feb. 26 from noon to 4 p.m.

Artist Christine Paige will help young artists create a sculpture of your very own from the ground up using wire and/or paper mache, plaster and paints. These workshops will give participants the skills they need to build a three-dimensional installation piece on the museum property in April and May. Each participant will take home their own small sculpture.

The March Break Camp, running March 16-20, will give students a chance to earn Community Involvement hours by participating.

Use the skills that you have learned so far to help students aged 7-10 as they take part in art camp. Volunteer hours are flexible.

Call 905-833-2331 or email kingmuseum@king.ca to register.