

Creativity abounds at ASK?Festival workshops

At this year's Arts Society King (ASK) Festival, take time to discover the creative you! Whether you are male, female, young, old, beginner or experienced, there is a workshop that will help you discover and delight in your hidden creative talents.

One of the first workshops in our month-long calendar is an introduction to encaustic painting with Supria Karmakar, brought back by popular demand. This ancient Greek art form uses beeswax and other resins along with a variety of found objects to create a mixed media collage. Also in week one Amanda Britten presents her first of two workshops on creating jewellery: rings, pendants, earrings and bracelets, using copper sheets and wire.

Throughout the Festival there are workshops the whole family will enjoy. Bring the kids and make a fairy house, using a gourd and other natural materials, which you can take home for your garden. Or choose a photo of your favourite pet and, with the help of illustrator Cheryl Uhrig, turn it into a full-colour art piece you can use on greeting cards, coffee mugs or T-shirts. Come to Ann Clifford's Sculpture For Everyone workshop and create lightweight sculptures with cardboard, wire and other materials. Build and decorate a kite together at the Family Nature Day on July 20.

Other workshops during the festival include some favourites from previous years: fused glass with Greg Locke, fanciful ceramic pieces with Christine Paige, watercolours with Anni Bretschneider, oil painting for beginners with Tina Newlove, folk art with Mary Scattergood, textured abstracts with Karola Steinbrecher, and mixed media with Raine Davis.

You can also visit our Discover the Creative You! exhibit at the Postmaster House where you can sign up for the workshops, view work by the instructors and students, and maybe even meet some of them in person.

The official opening is on Saturday, June 22 and the show continues through ASK Festival King, running June 23 to July 20. The Postmaster House Gallery will be open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also on Saturday, June 22 ASK and the King Township Museum host a day to celebrate June as Italian Heritage Month. Bring the family to *Giorno Italia*, a fun day of Italian food, bocce ball, a display from Pier 21 in Halifax, and heritage stories, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Postmaster House is located at 7 Old King Road, Nobleton.

For more information call Jane at 905-939-9357, or go to the ASK website at ArtsSocietyKing.ca.