

About Varley Public Programs

Welcome to the Varley Art Gallery of Markham! We are located on Historic Main Street Unionville and our gallery spaces feature historical and contemporary art by regional and national artists with a special focus on the art of Frederick Horsman Varley (1881-1969), a founding member of the Group of Seven. We offer a variety of art programs for ages 4 and up, whether you are a beginner or an experienced artist, the gallery has something for everyone.

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How to Register

- 1. Online via EZ Reg: https://econnect.markham.ca/Start/Start.asp
- 2. Call FAST TRACK at 905-475-4867 & follow voice prompts
- Ask for a registration form at the Front Desk!

Registration for residents begin on May 7 and May 8 for non-residents.

Cancellation Policy

Multi-session and One-Day Programs

All cancellation requests must be received 7 days prior to the start of the program in order to receive a full credit or refund.

Class Locations

VAG	Varley Art Gallery of Markham 216 Main Street Unionville
MAC	McKay Art Centre 197 Main Street Unionville

Non-Residents

Non-residents incur a \$10 fee for all programs.

Did you know?

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

*For children aged 14 and under, the parent must have a family membership for the 10% discount to apply.

Adult Programs (Ages 18+)

Thursdays

Drawing for the Terrified Beginner

VAG | Thursdays, Aug 8 – 29 | 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. | Glenn Bernabe
This course is perfect for students just beginning to explore making art. Artist
Glenn Bernabe introduces the fundamentals of form, perspective, proportion,
contour and composition in this four week intensive workshop. Students will be
introduced to conté, charcoal and ink through simple exercises. Learn and
develop drawing and observation skills in a safe and friendly environment. Inclass demonstrations, gallery visits and discussions are important components of
the program. Materials not included. Supply list available at
www.varleyartgallery.ca.

Barcode: 347864 | Cost: \$270

Saturdays

One Day Brush Calligraphy - Beginner

VAG | Saturday, Jul 6 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Erica Pinto Brush pen calligraphy is a beautiful art form that can be used to add a personal touch to everything from greeting cards to event signage. In this three-hour workshop, students will learn the fundamentals of modern brush pen calligraphy, including how to hold a brush pen, how to form basic strokes and how to connect these strokes to form lowercase letters and words. Students will receive a set of worksheets that they can take home to continue their practice. No experience is needed to join the workshop, just a willingness to have fun and try something new! Materials not included. Supply list available at www.varleyartgallery.ca.

Barcode: 347260 | Cost: \$32

Painting Unionville En Plein Air

VAG | Saturday Jul 13 – Sunday, Jul 14 | 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Sam Paonessa Do you paint En Plein Air? Come join Sam Paonessa, professional artist and paint in picturesque Unionville for two days. Focus will be painting some of the charming Main Street architecture and one day in the Too Good Pond Park. Artists can use acrylic or oil and must have their own materials. Some outdoor painting experience required. Sam will provide demos and helpful tips to improve your plein air painting skills. This workshop will fill very quickly so register today! Visit varleyartgallery.ca for a full list of suggested materials.

Barcode: 343895 | Cost: \$60.50

One Day Brush Calligraphy - Intermediate

VAG | Saturday, Jul 20 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Erica Pinto This class is designed for anyone who has taken a beginner-level brush pen calligraphy class and is ready to take their skills to the next level. In this three-hour workshop, students will practice uppercase letters and learn how to use these in combination with lowercase letters and words. They will also learn how to enhance their calligraphy by experimenting with style variations and simple

flourishes. Students will receive a set of worksheets that they can take home to continue their practice. Materials not included. Supply list available at www.varleyartgallery.ca.

Barcode: 347261 | Cost: \$32

Sundays

Hand Made

VAG | Sundays, Jul 7 – 14 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Judy Livingston Art instructor Judy Livingston returns to the Varley for a two-day mixed media workshop. After viewing current exhibitions, specifically the work of Nava Waxman, participants will create 2 - 3 pieces of Hand-Made art using a variety of mediums. Collage techniques will be explored through in-class demonstrations and hands-on learning. Materials not included. Supply list available at www.varleyartgallerv.ca.

Barcode: 343909 | Cost: \$60.50

En Plein Air Competition

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VAG | August 10 - 11 | 7:00am - 7:00pm

The Varley Art Gallery of Markham is excited to announce its first annual En Plein Air Competition! Just as F.H. Varley did, local artists are invited to set up their easels on Main St. Unionville and in Toogood Pond Park to paint or draw in the open air the weekend of August 10 – 11, 2019. While everyone is welcome to join us painting outdoors, artists who want to participate in the competition must apply. The competition will be juried by a committee and winners will have their final works exhibited at the historic McKay Art Centre in September, 2019. Application details can be found at warleyartgallery.ca. A suggested donation of \$10 will be collected to benefit the Education Department at the Varley Art Gallery of Markham.

Art Camps for Kids!

Join us at the Varley this summer! The Varley Art Gallery offers fun, educational and enriching summer camps to engage your child's imagination! Children ages 4-13 will have the opportunity to express how they see the world around them through gallery visits and a variety of art-making activities, using different techniques and media. The experienced and energetic Summer Camp team will lead thoughtfully designed full half and day programs that encourage creative play and individual expression.

View a list of all the camps we're offering at varleyartgallery.ca!

Contact

We would love to answer any of your questions.

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We look forward to seeing you at the Varley this summer!





