

Culture Days at the Aurora Cultural Centre

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The Aurora Cultural Centre welcomes you for an afternoon of discovery and delight in celebration of Culture Days on Saturday, October 1 from 1 ? 4 p.m.

We're teaming up with our partners the Aurora Historical Society and Theatre Aurora to offer a variety of free events and activities for the whole family.

The galleries currently feature the exhibition *Agape Me: A Contemporary Lens on Love and Marriage*. At 1:15 pm, artist Michèle Pearson Clarke will speak about *'It's Good to be Needed,'* a project that forms part of this group show. Then at 2.30 p.m., exhibition curator Stephanie Nicolo will offer a walk and talk exploring the fascinating themes that wind their way through this group exhibition featuring paintings, sculptures, installations and interactive elements.

Stephanie will herself be getting married in early October, providing a particularly keen lens on the subject!

The galleries will also feature two interactive stations to encourage your own creativity. Instructor Clare Bolton invites you to choose a writing prompt out of a box before guiding you on a short prose or poetry freewrite writing exercise. Absolutely no previous experience necessary, and the activity is appropriate for children, youth and adults.

Artist/instructor Christine Stewart will be on hand with a homemade art-card station for you to create your own 'love note', using a variety of art supplies including ink and dry materials. Choose to use your own words from the poetry and prose station to inscribe on your card, or simply let the artistic process flow to create images or a collage.

In the Library Room, the Aurora Historical Society will set up a complementary exhibition of highlights from their current show at Hillary House National Historic Site, *For King and Country*, as well as a sneak peak of their upcoming 2017 display *WW1: The Middle Years and Road to Vimy*.

Downstairs in the Activity Room you're invited to commemorate this important centenary milestone by creating items for medical kit that may have been used during the time of Dr. Robert Michael Hillary. This activity is appropriate for all ages.

In Brevik Hall, drop by the Theatre Aurora display that celebrates their upcoming 2016/17 season. In this experience, travel the locations off their season of plays, based and touched by love, with a series of tableaux that give way to the locations where the plays are set.

We look forward to welcoming you to a fun, family-friendly and interactive afternoon with a lively series of free events. For further information, visit auroraculturalcentre.ca