

# WORKSHOPS (CONT'D)

## Mixed Media – Figuratively! With Stephanie Schirm » Friday Oct. 3, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Explore a fun and creative approach to portrait and figurative art! This workshop in the Studio begins with a warm-up exercise and guides you through, using a variety of materials—from paint and drawing tools to patterns and line work. You'll learn how to work expressively from photographs to create a unique, non-traditional art piece. No previous portrait drawing or painting experience is needed. \$35 per participant, materials included.

## Always Imagine Wire Art Workshop with James Paterson » Friday October 10

- 10:00 a.m. Storytime in the Helson Gallery (all ages)
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Workshop 1 in the Studio Room (ages 7-12)
- 1:00 p.m. Storytime in the Helson Gallery (all ages)
- 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Workshop 2 in the Studio Room (ages 13-18)



Join James and Lynn Paterson for a hands-on wire art workshop inspired by James' picture book. During the Storytime in the Helson Gallery, James will read from his picture book titled *'Saturday Morning'* and invite participants to interact with his sculpture *The Storytelling Machine*. In the workshop, participants create their own wire art with guidance from James and Lynn. Workshop is in partnership with Halton Hills Public Library as part of their Children's Festival.

## Drawing in the Gallery » Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

Connect with local artists and hone your figure drawing skills with these free, self-directed sessions: Every Wednesday afternoon from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Helson Gallery from Sept. 17 to Dec. 10. During Culture Days there will be a model and sessions will be live streamed.



**To register for workshops:** Visit [haltonhills.ca/gallery](http://haltonhills.ca/gallery) or email Denyse at [dchurchill@haltonhills.ca](mailto:dchurchill@haltonhills.ca)



### Halton Hills Library & Cultural Centre

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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Volunteer docents are present in the gallery daily from 1-3 p.m., subject to availability.

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## ON VIEW FALL 2025



Stephanie Schirm, *Faded Fashionista*

# IN THE HELSON GALLERY

## The Colours of HER-story September 4 – October 19



Sian Gordon, *The Bather* (cropped)

This exhibition takes you into the third chapter of women's lives — a journey into these later years that are full of depth, growth, and self-discovery. Instead of being seen through the traditional male gaze, these works reflect a female perspective that's honest, personal, and powerful. Artists Stephanie Schirm and Sian Gordon use bold, vibrant colours to express the richness of their current experiences. Their paintings are full of emotion and insight, offering a fresh and inspiring look at what it means to be a woman at this stage in life.

**SPECIAL EVENT: All welcome! Exhibition reception on Thursday, September 25 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Helson Gallery. Meet with artists and enjoy live music!**

## Colour and Form Society's 73<sup>rd</sup> Opened Juried Show October 22 – November 30

Held annually each fall, the Colour and Form Society's Open-Juried Exhibition showcases exceptional artwork from both members and non-members. Featuring a wide range of styles and cultural influences, the exhibition celebrates artistic diversity and innovation.

To promote excellence in original fine art, awards are presented during the opening reception on Sunday October 26 from 1 - 3 p.m.



# IN THE SISNETT LOBBY

## Kindred Spirits: The Lucy Maud Montgomery Legacy as Interpreted by Contemporary Book Artists August 6 – September 21, 2025

Kindred Spirits is a touring book arts exhibition that responds to the work and life of Lucy Maud Montgomery. The pieces were created by members of the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild (CBBAG) as an acknowledgement of the enduring legacy of Lucy Maud Montgomery at the 150th anniversary of her birth.



**SPECIAL EVENT: Join us at the Helson Gallery on Sunday, August 10, from 2 - 4 p.m. After the speakers, enjoy birthday cake in the Sisnett Lobby as we celebrate Lucy's birthday.**

## Glen Williams Historical Photography August 19 – September 21 (Lower Lobby)

This exhibit celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Hamlet of Glen Williams. Journey through time and explore the rich heritage of the community with this captivating display of historical photographs.

## Halton Hills Plein Air Artists August 19 – September 21 (Upper Lobby)

Explore paintings of local and regional landscapes created by the talented Halton Hills Plein Air Artists (HHPAA). Featuring works by Monica Burnside, Carol Hughes, Sheila Mitchell, Beatrice Roche, Rose Scully, and Susan Ying, this collection showcases the beauty of Halton Hills. The artists gather every Thursday from spring to late fall to paint in various parks throughout the area.



Monica Burnside, *Field of Flowers*

## Art for the Birds September 23 – October 19



In partnership with Bird Friendly Halton Hills this show presents the artistic talent of local artists while raising awareness of birds in the Halton Hills area. Bird subjects include both resident and migratory birds that can be found in the local area.

**SPECIAL EVENT: All are welcome to attend the closing reception on Saturday October 18, 2 - 3 p.m. in the Helson Gallery where the winning bird will be announced.**

# WORKSHOPS

## Plein Air Painting Challenge » Saturday, September 20

Artists are invited to paint at the Acton Fall Fair, and the public is encouraged to watch them create while enjoying the festivities. This event is proudly presented by the Helson Gallery in partnership with the Acton Agricultural Society and Credit Valley Artisans.



**To register for this event:**  
Register online at [haltonhills.ca/callforartists](https://haltonhills.ca/callforartists)

## Drop-in Bookbinding Activity » Sunday, Sept. 21 from 2-4 p.m. in the Gallery

To celebrate Lucy Maud Montgomery and her wonderful scrapbooks, CBBAG has created a special pamphlet for you to make. You'll learn a basic bookbinding skill and take home a fun keepsake that shares parts of L M Montgomery's life. All ages welcome!

