



FALL | WINTER 2011

Toys & Games

Engage, entertain, educate

Sat OCT 01 to Sun JAN 08, 2012



Toys and games have always motivated us to play. Monopoly was introduced in the 1930s and, in its many versions, is still popular. The jump rope has been around even longer and now appears as a computer activity. What is it about these toys and games that has helped to maintain their popularity over generations?

We play for fun but as we play we also acquire skills - in Monopoly we are entertained as we learn about business and financial strategies; our physical coordination and mental dexterity is improved when we skip and sing jumping rhymes. What did our grandparents learn with their play that is similar and different from what we learn now?

With toys and games from our Collections and from the community, we will explore what was and is special and why. Visitors will have a chance to tell us which is their favourite toy as they investigate the exhibit... fun for the whole family!

MUSEUM COMMUNITY DAY

Sat OCT 01 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Exhibit Opening: Toys and Games

Grand Opening 11:00 am

Join us for a giant game of snakes and ladders and bring your teddy bear in for some TLC at the teddy bear hospital. Be sure to take in the ArtWalk activities while you are here.

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SCHOOLS

Toys & Games exhibit-related school programs are available for the duration of the exhibit.

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ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS

until SEP 15, 2011

Alberta in a Box: Wide Open

Main Level Special Case

25 of 50 miniature pottery pieces, created by emerging and established Alberta Potters Association (APA) members, are included in this juried exhibit. Each fits into a 6 in³ box. *The APA, founded in 1968, provides exhibition opportunities for its members and workshops for new and experienced artists who create with clay.*

until SEP 30, 2011

Greg Ellis

Archives Reference Room

This fall, retired Archivist Greg Ellis will permanently depart Lethbridge to pursue his future with his family in Peru. His passion, vision and critical action over 30 years impact not just our community's understanding of the past, but will shape and guide its understanding of Lethbridge and region well into the future.

Fri SEP 30 - Sat OCT 01 | 10:00 am - 4:30 pm; Sun OCT 02 | 1:00 - 4:30 pm

3 Dimensions Sculpture Show

In conjunction with the Lethbridge Arts Days | Admission is free for ArtWalk viewing | Admission is charged to visit the Discovery Hall exhibits

Local and area artists will be represented in the 4th annual **3D Sculpture Show** in celebration of Lethbridge Arts Days: aligning events with Alberta Arts Days and the nation-wide Culture Days.

The three-dimensional pieces will cover a wide range of materials including wood, metal, clay and multi-media. **Afternoon demonstrations** are planned on all three days, and visitors can also view the Chinook Winds mural by Alex Pavlenko in the Discovery Hall and special exhibits in the main level hallway and Lower Level Gallery.

until OCT 02, 2011

Saving Lives: at work, home and play

Main Level Special Case

A history of St. John Ambulance St. John Ambulance volunteers provide valuable services as first aid responders at major events and medical and emergency care teachers.

Spirit and Passion

Main Level Special Case

Lethbridge hosts the nation for the 1975 Canada Winter Games.

OCT 08 - FEB 20, 2012

Childhood in the 30s

Main Level Hallway

Local artist Helen Flaig created her *Childhood in the 30s* series in the 1990s as a way of remembering childhood activities such as making kites, having a water fight, shelling peas, and riding to school in a horse drawn cutter. Flaig's spontaneous and whimsical paintings reflect games, play and work she shared with her siblings.

OCT 19 - JAN 30, 2012

Archives Exposed... A.E. Cross

Photographs are a wonderful record of the people and places in our community; the professional quality and the remarkable quantity of those from the A.E. Cross Studio enhances our community memory.

Alfred Ernest Cross emigrated from England as a young man and within a few years opened a photography studio in Lethbridge in 1924. Over many decades, Cross captured individual portraits,

images of businesses and the changing landscape of the city. His son Reginald managed the studio from 1948 to the mid 70s. Current owner Peter Etches bought the business in 2005.

until OCT 30, 2011

Picturing Childhood

Lower Level Gallery

For generations, Blackfoot families were torn apart when children were sent to live in Residential Schools. This photo project with **OpoKaa'sin Early Intervention Society** explores how this history affects Blackfoot families today. **Childhood in the 30s**

NOV 05 - FEB 26, 2012

The Grand Old 76

Lower Level Gallery

The **76 Ranch**, located in southern Alberta, was founded by Sir John Lister Kaye in 1888. On huge plots of land along the Canadian Pacific Railway line, Kaye established 10 model farms on which he built houses and barns, planted hay and introduced horses, cattle and sheep.

This exhibit of photos and documents was developed by the Esplanade Museum in Medicine Hat with the assistance of museums, archives and individuals across southern Saskatchewan and Alberta.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Café Galt

doors open for exhibit viewing 1 hour prior to program | admission rates apply | free for annual pass holders | registration not required | refreshments

Explore and discuss current exhibits and ideas through film screenings, lectures and other unique experiences.

Thu SEP 22 | 7:00 pm **Toyland: Fun in the Making** [68 min] Look behind the curtains of the high stakes world of the \$22 billion toy industry, where fun and fortune awaits those who know how to get inside the mind of a child.

Meet the playmakers behind the biggest toys and games in history [including Ant Farm, Lite Brite, Inch Worm, Mouse Trap, Twister, Toss Across, Kerplunk, Radio Flyer wagons and more] while following the ups and downs of game designer, Tim Walsh. From prototype to pitch, follow Walsh along his winding road to Toy Fair, one of the largest trade show for toys in the world. Will his toy light up the imagination of kids everywhere or never see the light of day?

Toyland has won Best Documentary Feature at the Independents Film Festival and the Naperville Independent Film Festival. It will begin airing on The Documentary Channel in November.

Half price admission today!

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Curator Presents... *The Challenges & Joys of a Cardboard Box*

Thu OCT 13 | 6:00 exhibit open, Curator on site | 7:00 presentation & conversation in the *Servus Credit Union Learning Studio* | admission rates apply | free for annual pass holders | refreshments

Often parents watch a child open a gift box containing a toy and, to their amazement, the cardboard box captures the child's attention more than the toy.

Curator **Wendy Aitkens** will explore why the ordinary box becomes the child's delight, a challenge and a source of endless possibilities.

Join us and bring stories of the creative toys you, your children or grandchildren made from that simple box!

Galt Workshops

Program 7:00 - 9:00 pm / doors open for exhibit viewing 6:00 pm / *admission rates apply / free for annual pass holders | registration not required / includes supplies, refreshments*

A monthly hands-on history programs for adults.

Wed OCT 19 **Checkmate** Ever wonder how to capture the king in chess? Find out the history, rules, and strategies of a game that has captivated the world! This beginner workshop led by **Brian Titley** will also give players a chance to practice their newly acquired skills against a worthy opponent.

Thu OCT 27 **Braided Rugs** Join **Karla Mather-Cocks** and Lethbridge Handicraft Guild to explore braided rugs and the history of rag rugs.

Thu NOV 17 **Spinning & Dyeing** Learn basic wool-spinning and dyeing techniques including thigh spinning, how to use a hand-made drop spindle, and dyeing wool using old-fashioned and modern techniques from **Connie and Dave Carlson**.

Wed NOV 30 **Amigurumi! Crochet in 3D** Learn crochet basics from local artist **Shanell Papp** and make a variety of awkwardly cute stuffed animals from one basic pattern! If you haven't crocheted before this is a great class since crochet is an easy-to-learn technique. Basic hand sewing skills needed to complete projects (don't worry, we'll teach you how!)

Thu DEC 08 **Save Your Family's Stories** Learn three basic oral-history methods for capturing your family's history through stories this holiday season. Join **Monta Salmon** from the Family History Center, Archivist **Andrew Chernevych** and researcher **Leslie Hall** to explore how you can capture and preserve your family history.

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

Saturdays at 1:00

SEP 10 - DEC 17 | *[adults required to attend with children] / admission rates apply / free for annual pass holders | registration not required*

This interactive program animates our exhibits and collections for families with children of all ages.

SEP 10 **Troyanda Dancers** Enjoy a Ukrainian dancing demonstration from the Troyanda Ukrainian Dancers then learn some steps and try out the dance yourself. *Half price admission today!*

17 **Blackfoot Toys and Games** Get ready for the opening of our new *Toys & Games* exhibit as you make your own Blackfoot game to take home. These games teach counting and hand-eye coordination. *Half price admission today!*

24 **Knot So Hard** Come and learn to tie the knots that the Canadian Navy uses! Presented by the Lethbridge Navy League Cadets. *Half price admission today!*

OCT 01 NO PROGRAM TODAY: take in Museum Community Day for our new *Toys & Games* exhibit!

08 **Cornhusk Dolls** Create a doll out of cornhusks! Learn the significance of Harvest and how these historic dolls have been making children happy for generations.

15 **Shadow Puppetry** Experience shadow play, an ancient form of storytelling and entertainment. Walk away with a personalized shadow puppet to act out your own imaginative tales!

22 **Pumpkin Creations** Express your creativity by carving or decorating a specially designed mini pumpkin. Fun for all ages of the family!

29 **Day of the Dead** This Mexican holiday recognizes past friends and family. Celebrate with storytelling and decorating your very own papier maché *calaca* mask!

05 **Photo Magnets** Remember history through photography with personalized photo magnets. Bring a photo of someone special or choose one from our Archives.

NOV 12 **Artist Trading Cards** Recreate your favourite piece of history from our exhibit onto a unique art card! Trade them with friends and family to see how many you can collect.

- 19 **Doll History** Are all dolls the same? How have they changed over time? Find the answers to these questions and more, PLUS create a wooden doll/action figure to take home!
- 26 **Clown School** Try your hand at new tricks and skills by learning how to juggle and create balloon animals. School is always fun when it's taught by a clown!
- DEC 03 **Creative Checkers** Bring this classic board game to life by adding a touch of imagination. Use your creative skills to design your own board and play pieces.
- 10 **Pom Pom Animals** Show off your favourite animal when you create a pom pom character. Step-by-step instructions will bring out the artist in everyone.
- 17 **TBA**

Top 11 of 2011 Family Programs

DEC 27-31 | JAN 02-07 Winter break | 1:00 - 4:00 pm (drop in anytime) | *family program [adults required to attend with children] | admission rates apply | free for annual pass holders | registration not required*

We've had so many funtastic Saturdays at 1 and summer programs this year, we thought we'd reprise the top eleven during Winter Break!

- DEC 27 **Paint Like the Masters** Experience art history with exciting painting projects inspired by artists such as: Picasso, O'Keefe, and Warhol.
 - 28 **Paper Flowers** Decorate your home during the holidays with unique and vibrant paper flowers.
 - 29 **It's Not Magic It's Science** A fun hands-on science presentation!
 - 30 **Apple Pie** Put on your chef hats! Using a historic pie-crust recipe, you will make a delicious pie to bake and share at home.
 - 31 **New Year's Eve Decorations** Learn how other cultures celebrate New Year's as you make decorative crafts.
 - JAN 02 **Soap Carving** Learn soap carving and make your own decoy.
 - 03 **Shadow Puppetry** Experience shadow play, an ancient form of storytelling and entertainment. Use your personalized shadow puppet to act out your imaginative tales at home.
 - 04 **Photo Magnets** Remember history through photography by creating personalized magnets. Bring a photo of someone special or choose one from Archives to create your masterpiece.
 - 05 **Clown School** Try your hand at new tricks and skills by learning how to juggle and create balloon animals. School is always fun when it's taught by a clown!
 - 06 **Felted Snake Bracelets** Learn the historic art of felting as you make a bendy snake, or bracelet.
 - 07 **Creative Checkers** This classic board game to life by adding a touch of imagination. Use your creative skills to design your own board and play pieces.
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SENIORS PROGRAMS

Wednesdays at the Galt

SEP 07 - DEC 21: first & third Wednesdays monthly | 2:00 - 3:00 pm | *admission rates apply | free for annual pass holders | registration not required | includes refreshments, exhibit access*

From hands-on learning to lectures by special guests, behind-the-scenes tours and tutorials, historical anecdotes to contemporary conundrums for ages 55+.

- SEP 07 **Drawn to the Light, a way of seeing that makes everyone an artist** with local artist Fran Hutton. Learn about left brain and right brain reasons why people think they can't draw, and how to retrain your brain to a new way of seeing light and dark - like an artist - to learn how to draw! *Please bring a photo, or use one from our archives.*

- 21 **Last Man in Chinatown** (60 min) **Albert Leong** is the self-professed last Chinese man in Chinatown in Lethbridge. This film by local filmmakers **George and Sherri Gallant** explores the rich past of the original Chinese immigrants. It examines the present-day situation and explores what lies ahead for small communities. *Followed by question and answer period with Albert Leong and Sherri Gallant.*
- OCT 05 **Enjoying - and Winning - Scrabble** Come learn about the most popular word game in the world from experts **Bill Payne** and **Siri Tillekeratne** just days before the largest Scrabble event in Canada: the 16th Annual Western Canadian Championship.
- Scrabble is available in most major languages using the Roman alphabet (over 20 in all), and also in Russian, Greek and Hebrew. It is estimated that over half the households in N. America have at least one Scrabble set, and that in the US alone over 5,000 sets are sold every day.*
- 19 **Songs & Stories from the Crow's Nest** The coal mines of the Crowsnest Pass were dark, dusty and dangerous. The pay was good and the work was hard. Join **Monica Field** from the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre as she tells tales of tragedy and triumph through mining music and dramatic demonstrations.
- NOV 02 **WWI Letters** Retired Warrant Officer **Glenn Miller** presents letters from Sergeant Jack Murray of the 20th Battery. Sent home to his Mom and family in WWI, they tell the story of his experiences during those four years..
- 16 **Lethbridge Correctional Centre Centennial History** The Lethbridge Provincial Jail was the first provincial jail built in Alberta and the first west of Manitoba - come learn about the changes at the jail over the past 100 years from Security Intelligence Officer **Shane Hoiland**.
- DEC 07 **Coal, Culture and Confederation** with **Jane Harris-Zsovan**. Three generations of Galt men - John, Sir Alexander and Elliot - shared a poetic vision for a united and vibrant Canada. Lethbridge, the only Canadian city co-founded by a Father of Confederation, is a living example of the Galts' Canadian dream.
- 21 **Wild Rose Country: A Spirit of Heritage** (60 min) This documentary explores the people and places of wild rose country. It is a story of spirit, determination and hard work, of freedom and prosperity, adventure and passion.

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TOURS

Flashlight Cemetery Tours

Fri SEP 30, OCT 07* | Sat OCT 01, 08* | Thu OCT 20* | Mon OCT 24*

9:00 and 10:00 pm nightly | * additional 8:00 pm tour

TICKETS \$5/\$4 annual pass holders, available SEP 01 at the Galt Museum Store only | 403.320-3954

Quiet, respectable Lethbridge where everyone is polite and well behaved? Well, not always. Find out why Lethbridge's first murderer was never arrested. And discover why more than once in Lethbridge history, the police suspected the wife. Experience the history they didn't teach you in school at this year's Flashlight Cemetery Tours of Lethbridge's oldest burying ground, St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Be sure to dress warmly, wear good sturdy walking shoes, bring along a flashlight and, just maybe, somebody to hold hands with. Ticket holders meet at the St. Patrick's Cemetery gates on far west end of 6 Ave N. 50 minutes in length.

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Fri SEP 23 | 11:00 am Presentation | 1:00 pm Ceremony

Becoming Canadian

Presented with Citizenship and Immigration Canada | program free with admission to museum | free admission for all to ceremony

How have immigration patterns in the past affected the face of Canada today? How has Canadian citizenship changed over the ages? What does Canadian citizenship mean today? What does the Government of Canada require individuals from other countries to know and do

in order to become a Canadian citizen? These are the central questions that **Citizenship Judge Joan May Way** will address in this interactive and informative presentation, as she brings real-life insights from her role as a Citizenship Judge.

Judge Way was appointed as a Citizenship Judge in Calgary in October 2008, and is one of 3 Citizenship Judges in Alberta. She has devoted most of her life to volunteering in her community, local schools, and church. In addition to working in the oil sector and the public school system, she has taught English as a Second Language programs for new immigrants. She has been a host for students from around the world in her home and received service awards for dedication to schools. Judge Way holds a Bachelor of Science in Pure Mathematics from the University of Calgary and a Masters in Library and Information Sciences from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Word on the Street Festival

Sun SEP 25 | 11:00am - 5:00 pm | *free program at downtown branch of Lethbridge Public Library*

Join the Galt Museum & Archives at our booth in the family area of the **Word on the Street Festival** to complete a short historical activity inspired by books from the children's department. For more information go to: lethbridgeword.wordpress.com

The Word On The Street is a national celebration of literacy and the written word. On one extraordinary Sunday each September, in communities coast to coast, the public is invited to participate in hundreds of author events, presentations and workshops and to browse a marketplace that boasts the best selection of Canadian books and magazines you'll find anywhere. There is always plenty to see and do at Canada's largest book and magazine festival, and best of all, The Word On The Street and all of its events are FREE!



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The works selected for the juried exhibit will cover a wide range of materials, including found objects, wood, metal and clay.

Afternoon demonstrations are also planned on all three days. For the price of admission, add the Discovery Hall or a program to your visit!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Playing with a Pencil

Fri SEP 30 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | *admission rates apply | free for annual pass holders | registration not required | includes supplies and exhibit access*

Have fun with a pencil, your observation skills, and a piece of paper as you learn the basic techniques of drawing from **Wendy Aitkens**.

Watercolour for Total Beginners

Sun OCT 02 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | *admission rates apply | free for annual pass holders | registration not required | includes supplies and exhibit access*

Join us in our beautiful Viewing Gallery as we learn the basics of interpreting our landscape through watercolour painting.

A Night at the Museum Shopping Event

Thu DEC 01 | 5:00 - 9:00 pm | *for Galt Annual Pass holders & preferred customers | Annual Pass Holders save 20% your invitation will be mailed to you | Preferred Customers save 15%* [email](#) us for invitation details*

Sample yummy treats, enjoy seasonal beverages & entertainment... our relaxed, after-hours shopping experience and unique products will allow you to think outside the Christmas box!

This year, develop your relationship with community growers and learn how to bring your Christmas a little closer to home:

Local caterers **Lethbridge Personal Chefs** present a showcase of Southern Alberta growers and suppliers and will teach you a trick or two so you can create your own local-inspired holiday goodies!

*Bring in your invitation to receive the special discounts on your Museum Store purchase [excl. consignment items]. * Should you purchase an Annual Pass at the evening event, you will be eligible to receive the 20% discount*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Galt Beer Tasting

Fri SEP 09 | 4:30 - 10:00 pm | *Tickets available Tue AUG 09: \$9 public/\$7.50 annual pass holders (plus GST) | Sample tickets \$1 each (only sold at event).*

Themed around the upcoming *Toys & Games* exhibit, this sell-out Galt Museum fundraiser offers dozens of products to sample, entertainment, contests, and a silent auction that will bring back playtime memories this year! Must be 18+.

Rocky Horror Picture Show

Sat OCT 29 | 4:30 - 10:00 pm | *TICKETS \$18 each includes all props, available: Fri SEP 09 for Annual Pass Holders [incl. at Beer Tasting] | SEP 15 for General Public | Costume contest!*

Released in 1975, the *Rocky Horror Picture Show [100 min]* became an instant comedy cult classic. Hysterical, indispensable, disturbing - with great music and unforgettable audience participation. Come see what all the talk is about - you even get to throw food in a museum!

UPCOMING EXHIBITS



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