



## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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## GALT MUSEUM HOSTS INFORMATION SESSION ON LOCAL INITIATIVE SUPPORTING STEPHEN LEWIS

TUE MAY 01 | 7:00 PM | GALT MUSEUM COMMUNITY SAVINGS LEARNING STUDIO

The Galt Museum & Archives is pleased to bring back Saskatchewan-based artist **Pat Grayston** to speak about the **Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign**. Pat was last in Lethbridge in March for the opening of her exhibit *Polska, Kraina Przodkow (Land of My Forefathers)* which closes Sunday, April 29 at 4:30 at the Galt Museum.

Joining Pat will be local resident **Maureen Ebel** who has started the ball rolling for a local Grandmothers to Grandmothers chapter by registering as the **Harrabee Grandmothers** ["harrabee" is Swahili for "working together"]. It is her hope that other grandmothers will join to help bring the local chapter to life. **Helene Wirzba**, Executive Director of the Lethbridge HIV Connection, will provide a brief overview of HIV in Alberta and in our region, the services they offer and how they can partner with Lethbridge's Harrabee Grandmothers.

The **Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign** seeks to raise awareness and mobilize support in Canada for Africa's grandmothers who, with very little resources, are raising AIDS orphans. The campaign was launched by the Stephen Lewis Foundation [SLF] on March 7, 2006, on the eve of International Women's Day. Since the launch, **more than 145 groups of Canadian grandmothers** have taken up the call to action and together have raised over \$800,000 for the campaign to date. SLF directs these funds to community-level organizations in 14 sub-Saharan African countries that provide grandmothers with much needed support, such as food, housing grants, school fees for their grandchildren and grief counselling.

The 28-minute "Grandmothers: The unsung heroes of Africa" DVD produced by the Stephen Lewis Foundation will also be shown at Tuesday evening's presentation. Admission is free. For more information on the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, please visit the website [www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/grandmothers.htm](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/grandmothers.htm).

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