



POP UP ROOTS: Community

CENTRAL LIBRARY, main floor, 616 Macleod Trail S.E.
APRIL 9 AND 12, NOON - 1 PM

Join TMC artist-mentor Bill as he continues work on a public art project related to sense of place - our community roots. Expect to enjoy some individual art-making and some peaceful conversation as you add to this colourful mosaic! Look for the table-top project around the corner from the Second Cup.

POP UP PERFORMANCE: Our Stories

CENTRAL LIBRARY, main floor, 616 Macleod Trail S.E.
APRIL 10, 14, 16, 17, NOON - 1 PM

Join the TMC Patchwork Performance troupe as they develop a reader's theatre presentation with songs, personal stories and poems from program participants at the Calgary Drop In Centre, Alpha House, and the Calgary Women's Centre. Watch them as they prepare for the launch of TMC's new book, *Voices in the Wind* and be a fly on the wall for the filming of the presentation. The Patchwork Performance is directed by stage director Kelly Reay. Check our website for updates and information.

RIVERS' EDGE: Stories of the East Village

U-HALL GALLERY AT TRUCK, 2009 - 10 Ave. SW
APRIL 20 - MAY 11
Opening reception April 21, 7 - 9 PM

This extraordinary exhibit includes photographic portraits and stories, as well as a documentary video - all to tell the stories that come from the Rivers' Edge of Calgary's East Village. As one of the city's quickly transforming neighbourhoods, this project captures a uniquely compelling history and way of being. It is a poignant reminder of this city's roots.

Project partners include Loft 112, students and faculty from ACAD, the East Village Neighbourhood Community Association, the Calgary Drop In Centre, and TMC. Major project supporters include the Canadian Red Cross, The Calgary Foundation, Loft 112, The City of Calgary, Calgary Neighbourhoods.

PHOTOWALK: Urban Exploration

Check our website for date and time updates
Grab your camera and join a TMC artist-mentor to explore sites of displacement and rebuilding in our City's core.

SHARING OUR ROOTS: Songs

BLANK PAGE STUDIO, 1221 B Kensington Road NW
APRIL 24, 1 - 4 PM
Registration required, check our website for contacts

A gathering of singer-songwriters from the Drop In Centre, the Women's Centre, and past participants of MRU Conservatory's popular music program, join Sally Truss and James Desautels for an afternoon of musical collaboration and learning.

We gratefully acknowledge the following organizations:

AGENCIES

- The Alex
- Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre
- Alpha House
- The Calgary Women's Centre
- Calgary Aboriginal Friendship Centre
- Circle of Courage at Boys and Girls Club
- Pathways to Housing at The Alex

PROGRAMMING PARTNERS

- Hillhurst/Sunnyside Community Association
- East Village Community Association
- Loft 112
- Shelf Life Books
- WP Puppet Theatre
- Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD)
- TRUCK Contemporary Art in Calgary
- United Active Living at Garrison Green and Fish Creek
- The New Gallery (TNG)
- Calgary Central Library
- Studio C
- Blank Page Studio
- Water for Riley
- SAIT Polytechnic

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ROOTS: In A Restless world

The theme *ROOTS: In a Restless World* invites us to consider ways of connecting to our past as well as our future. We invite you to consider the power of chinook arches, tumbleweed, songs, stories, families we are born into and families we create, countries that change names and borders, being an immigrant, being a refugee, having a sense of belonging or not, having a roof over one's head or not, sharing the same night sky with everyone on the planet or seeing it all from the space station!

- Sally Truss, Festival Curator

RESTLESS: In a Rooted World, APRIL 7 - 24

LOFT 112, #112, 535 - 8 Ave. S.E.

Opening reception April 7, 7:30 - 9 PM

Enjoy stunning visual artwork created by nine artists from the Art Studio located at the Calgary Drop-In Centre. Nicole Gagnon, Ruth Vickers, An Dong, Mandy McKinley, Ann Lee, Cindy Fredricks, Lorraine Thomson, Jake Volkers, Dave White, and A.P. Worth are making dedicated efforts to develop as artists despite their experiences of homelessness.

Painter, sculptor, and TMC artist-mentor Patricia Lortie has worked since December to guide them in mounting this exhibition.

* *The Central Library Art Wall gives a taste of the expanded exhibit at Loft 112 in the East Village.*

ROOTS: In a Restless World, APRIL 14 - 30

CENTRAL LIBRARY ART WALL

Central Library, main floor, 616 Macleod Trail S.E.

The Art Wall at the Central Library hosts a taste of the exhibit at Loft 112 in East Village as well as an introduction to the work of two of our TMC artist-mentors, print-maker Eveline Kolijn and painter-sculptor Patricia Lortie. Our artist-mentors are the roots of TMC programs and we salute them! The exhibit is located just around the corner from the Second Cup.

VIEW FROM THE INSIDE: Courage Journey

TNG +15 WINDOW, Arts Commons, 205 - 8 Ave. S.E.

APRIL 5 - MAY 26

With this exhibit WP Puppet Theatre (WPTS) examines one of the most pressing issues of our times - mental health. Participants from Circle of Courage at Boys and

Girls Club, Studio C, United Active Living at Garrison Green, and Pathways to Housing at The Alex created a collection of mask-body puppets that reflect their sense of self. The external mask represents the self we share with the world and the interior of the mask is face we protect, rather than project.

This WPTS project is funded in part by the Community Initiative Programs and donors through Invest YYC. TMC is a proud collaborator and partner.

* *The +15 window gives a taste of the expanded exhibit at United Active Living at Fish Creek, 51 Providence Blvd. SE, and is open for public viewing on April 20th 6 - 9 PM.*

WATER FOR RILEY: Design Exhibit, APRIL 7 - 24

BLANK PAGE STUDIO, 1221 B Kensington Road NW

A true community project, this exhibit showcases 21 innovative and playful designs from students from ACAD and SAIT for a much-needed, new public water fountain for Riley Park. In May, these designs will be vetted: first by a community-based jury, then IBI, and the City - before one is chosen for further development and construction. Community collaborators include: Hillhurst/Sunnyside Community Association, area businesses, local individuals, students and staff of Hillhurst Elementary School, faculty and students of ACAD and SAIT, and The Calgary Foundation. We are proud to be part of this vision.

CELEBRATION: Book Launch, APRIL 13, 7 PM

SHELF LIFE BOOKS, 1302 - 4 St. S.W.

TMC launches two new books: *Voices in the Wind* and *Paper Bird*. The proceeds of the Festival sales of both

support our ongoing programming. Attend the launch and purchase a book!

Voices in the Wind is a collection of writings from program participants at the Calgary Drop In Centre, Alpha House, and the Calgary Women's Centre with illustrations by community members from Forest Lawn, the Bellline, and children from Inn From the Cold. Expect a short reader's theatre happening as part of the evening! The book is edited by artist-mentor Lea Story.

Paper Bird, by award winning author Jan Truss, is a collection of childhood memories from the Great Depression years in England. The stories are set between 1930-36 and follow the break-down of a young girl's world and her ultimate survival as a tough eleven-year old on her way to higher education. Expect a short reading as part of the evening! The book is edited by artist-mentor, Sally Truss.

STORIES FROM THE RIVERS' EDGE:

Documentary Screening

CENTRAL LIBRARY, JOHN DUTTON THEATRE,
616 Macleod Trail S.E., APRIL 12, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Join us to celebrate the screening of the stories of the East Village and the rivers that define two borders! Definitely an event to remember as one of Calgary's oldest communities opens its arms to thousands of newcomers to their 'hood'!

* *This documentary is part of a larger project that is showcased at TRUCK's U-Hall Gallery.*

All Events are free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

