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FEATURED EXHIBITION



Ken HouseGo: Beacon

May 7 - August 2, 2015

Curated by Elisabeth Belliveau

Opening Reception:
Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 7 - 9 pm

Ken Housego's studio practice is an exploration of materials in hand; his paintings are drawings, sculptures, assemblages, poems. His work doesn't concern itself with medium-specificity; his surfaces hold paint, pastel, ink, pencil and found objects, at once negotiating both two- and three-dimensional spaces. As Ken himself puts it, his paintings are "built." They go in and out of planes; flipping from aerial views to stable horizon lines, they are by parts shelf, frame, object and collection. Images and objects engage in a dialogue, creating a counterpoint narrative that celebrates materials and life. Recurring themes of boats, hearts, moons, farming tools and bones create a rhythm of storytelling. These icons map out a personal narrative, and their repetition accrues weight—a memory, an echo.



This large exhibition brings together more than thirty years of Ken's practice. Comprehensive yet incomplete, "Beacon" thus serves both as a retrospective and launch. There is no end to the industriousness, momentum and curiosity that emanate from this artist and his work. Ken commits fearlessly to new challenges in scale, medium and material, while simultaneously honing his storytelling abilities.

FACILITATING THE ART EXPERIENCE

Engaging with the works in AGGP's current exhibitions, students practice careful observation skills and learn about interpreting a work of art. Interactive activities in response to the exhibition in the gallery space are often part of an Art

Gallery visit. Hands-on take-home projects are a great way to ground and enhance student's own art experience. Principles and elements of design are emphasized and integrated in AGGP's educational programming.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Option 1: 1 hour Interpretive Program

Groups who spend one hour at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie often combine visiting the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie and the Grande Prairie Public Library at the same time. It is particularly beneficial when two groups from one organization visits the Montrose Cultural Centre at once because they can alternate between both institutions: while one group enjoys a tour of the Library, the other group appreciates the art showcased at the Art Gallery. That way they learn about two important community resources at the same time!

Cost: Free

To reserve an elementary library tour, please e-mail jfehr@gppl.ab.ca or call **Jacob Fehr at (780) 357-7497**. The Library accepts tour bookings in pre-determined time-slots of 10:00 am, 11:00 am, and 1:00 pm.



Option 2: 1.5 hour Interpretive Program

This is the minimum time to combine a facilitated tour with a take-home hands-on art project inspired by current exhibitions.

Hands-on art projects emphasize a contemporary mixed-media approach. The projects are age-appropriate and based on the principles and elements of art and design. These experiential components allow for student's own experience of the artworks to be enhanced and grounded.

Cost: \$ 2.50 material recovery fee per student; a minimum of \$ 30.00 per group.*

Option 3: 2 hour Interpretive Program

This program is similar as 1.5 hour interpretive program. It, however, allows for more time to complete the artworks or to see another exhibition. This program concludes with an appreciation of the artworks students have created in response to one of AGGP's current exhibitions.

Cost: \$ 2.50 material recovery fee per student; a minimum of \$ 30.00 per group.*



Option 4: Integrated Arts Retreat

Enjoy the day with your students at the Art Gallery. This program allows for an extraordinary experience of making and sharing art in a nurturing environment. Engagement with our current exhibitions and take-home hands-on art projects are included as suitable to your group. Duration: All day, as agreed with AGGP Curator of Education and Public Programs.

Cost: \$ 120 per group

Includes all art material and facilitation costs.

Max. of 22 students per group.

Please Note: 1 (teacher/adult) : 10 (student) ratio is required for all School and Community Groups visiting the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie.

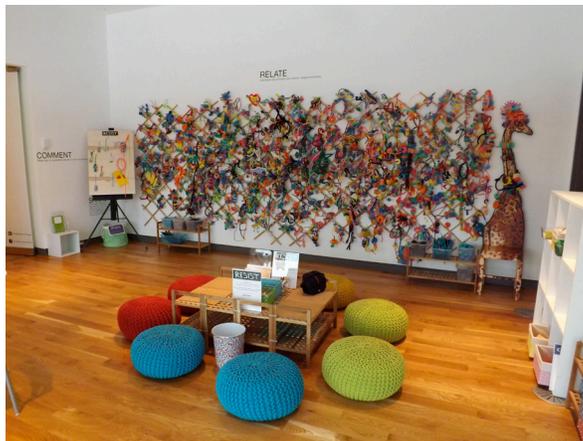
* Material recovery cost per student can be waived if funding poses difficulty for group.

The Carlstrom Family Green Space

The Green Space is an interactive gallery and self-directed studio space where visitors can enjoy responding to the Art Gallery's exhibitions through free, self-directed art projects that are designed to encourage reflection, creativity and inspiration.

The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie (AGGP) has recently received a generous donation and long-term commitment dedicated to The Green Space from the Carlstrom family of Grande Prairie. In December 2014, the space was renamed The Carlstrom Family Green Space.

A walk through The Carlstrom Family Green Space is always part of an Art Gallery interpretive program at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie. This way students learn about what is available to them and their family in their community.



Contact Us

For additional information and to reserve a program, please e-mail sabine@aggp.ca or call Sabine Schneider, Curator of Education and Public Programs, at (780) 357-7487. We ask you to get in touch at least 2-4 weeks prior to coming with your group.

Please provide us with the following information:

- Organization's name
- Contact person's e-mail and phone number
- Requested date, time and duration of your visit
- Alternative date and time of your visit
- Number of visitors in your group
- Please specify grade level or age of your group members if you are coming with a school or community group under the age of 18.

Information on the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's current exhibitions and upcoming events can be found on our website and Facebook page.



The Montrose Cultural Centre opened its doors in June 2009.

It is home to the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie, the Grande Prairie Public Library, and Esquires Coffee House.



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