

# PROGRAM GUIDE

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February -  
April 2015

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Art education at the  
Art Gallery of Grande Prairie  
enriches our community,  
encourages diversity and  
inspires creative learning.

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## FEATURED EXHIBITION



### Stories in Stone: Paul Qayutinnuaq & Grant Berg January 28 - April 26, 2015

Curated by Todd Schaber

Grant Berg met the late Inuit artist, Paul Qayutinnuaq in Fairview, Alberta in 1994. Qayutinnuaq's large, intricate soapstone carvings captured Berg's attention: a carving of a narwhal was the first piece Berg purchased.

The two artists shared a common connection when it came to their interest in three-dimensional form. Over time, Berg became inspired by Qayutinnuaq's work and began utilizing some of his carving techniques as well as purchasing stone for his own carvings.

Berg commissioned an Inuit-inspired chess set, to be paid for one or two pieces at a time. It was during this time that Qayutinnuaq, sadly,

became ill and passed away in 2008. That was the last Berg heard of the chess set.

Berg tells the story of contacting Qayutinnuaq's wife, Susan, to purchase more stone. He was understandably saddened by Paul's passing and asked Susan if it was still possible to acquire some stone. Susan said 'of course' and invited Berg to Fairview to retrieve the stone from Qayutinnuaq's studio.

There was a winters worth of snow blocking access to the studio and Berg offered to shovel a path to the studio, realizing in the process, that Susan had not been out to the studio since Paul passed away. Berg shovelled to the door and asked Susan if she wanted to enter first. She said 'No, I think you should'. Berg pushed the door open and there on the studio bench was a lineup of nine substantially completed chess pieces, waiting for Berg to take over.

This exhibition finally brings together the interwoven lives and work of these two artists.

## 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@jfehr@gppl.ab.ca](mailto:jfehr@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 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.\*

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

## 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 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

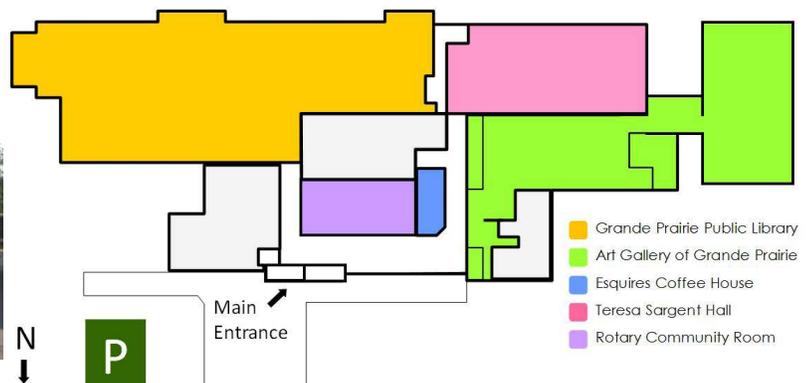
Please provide us with the following information:

- 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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