

PROGRAM GUIDE

Fall and Winter 2024

Art Programs & Guided Tours



Detail of Breanna Barrington, *Worm Wishes: An Exercise in Decomposition*, Interspecies collaborative durational Performance/ Installation, 2024.

FEATURED EXHIBITION

Worried Earth: Eco-Anxiety and Entangled Grief

Breanna Barrington, Connie Chappel, Jenine Marsh, Kuh Del Rosario, Laura Findlay, Lauren Chipeur, Luke Fair, Maureen Gruben, Natalie Michelle Goulet, Tsēmā Igharas, Xiaojing Yan.

August 22, 2024 - January 5, 2025

Worried Earth: Eco-Anxiety and Entangled Grief is an exhibition of work exploring how worry about climate change and ecological collapse is seeping into our lives and dreams, mixing with other fears and anxieties, and entangling with personal experiences of loss. In this ecosystem of grief, art is a place for picturing and shaping bad feelings, including bad feelings about the very act of making art. Each gesture of making is weighed against the desire to do no harm—and the impossibility of a harmless human life within the context of our extractive capitalist system. We grieve our own existence, as well as our eventual demise.

The works in this exhibition sit with and in this grief. They also sing of the ways that grief can open us up. We become capacious, raw, and changeable. We can follow our grief towards wilder and deeper feelings, towards greater empathy for the other beings with whom we share the planet, and towards and into the rhythms of life and death.

Curated by Erica Mendritzki

Assistant Curator Melanie Zurba



Connie Chappel, *The Dance*, tree root, sea salt, plastic dryer ball, water colour, pencil, and wood, 2022.

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- Erica Mendritzki

SHARING THE ART EXPERIENCE

The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie’s educational programs aspire to be comprehensive and inclusive of all community members. Our goal is to provide access to contemporary and historical visual arts for all, regardless of age, mobility and financial capacity. Unique programs serve as a flagship for the Art Gallery as they provide context and meaning to viewers and enable them to understand art forms from a personalized perspective.

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.

ART PROGRAMS

Option 1: 1 Hour 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 exhibitions to be enhanced and grounded.

Cost: Free / Subject to Change

- Program only available during gallery hours.
- A minimum of 30 minutes is required between multiple booked groups on the same day.
- The most recommended program duration.



Option 2: 1.5 Hour Program

This is an extended program with a take-home hands-on art project inspired by current exhibitions. This program consists of a 45 minute tour of our featured exhibition and an art project that is inspired by the exhibition. 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 exhibitions to be enhanced and grounded.

Cost: Free / Subject to Change

- Program only available during gallery hours.
- A minimum of 30 minutes is required between multiple booked groups on the same day.

To reserve a library tour, please e-mail info@gppl.ca or call the Information Desk at (780) 357-7435. The Library information desk will be able to direct your request to their coordinator.

Option 3: Self-Facilitated Tour

Enjoy the day with your group at the Art Gallery. This gallery visit allows for you to tailor the experience of visiting the art gallery to your groups particular needs and schedule. Explore the art gallery at your own pace.

Cost: Free

Max. of 30 students per group.

- Program only available during gallery hours.
- Timeslots for these programs still need to be booked and coordinate with Gallery Staff.



Option 4: Integrated Arts Retreat

Enjoy the day with your students at the Art Gallery. This custom-designed educational initiative 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: 3 Hours is recommended.

Cost: \$ 120 per group / Subject to Change
Includes all art materials and facilitation costs.

Max. of 12 students per group.

- Program only available during gallery hours.
- A break will occur midsession.

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 a 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.



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These programs are all generously supported by ATB. Without their generosity we would not be able to provide such excellent programming. Thank You ATB!

Contact Us

Whether you wish to book a guided or self-guided tour or a facilitated art program, please e-mail garry@aggp.ca or call Garry Bradley at (780) 357-7480 and provide us with the following information a minimum of 2 weeks in advance:

- 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, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

FREE ADMISSION



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HOURS

Sunday	1 pm – 5 pm
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10 am – 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am – 6 pm
Thursday	10 am – 9 pm
Friday	10 am – 5 pm
Saturday	10 am – 5 pm
Holidays	Closed

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