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Arts Industry Announcements/Events

1. **Are you Listed? The Arts Directory of Muskoka wants YOU!** The arts community has come together to create a new, **FREE** online directory of arts and culture in Muskoka, and we you to list yourself! Did we mention that it's **FREE**? [Download the invitation](#) for more. Go to www.artsdirectoryofmuskoka.com to check out the directory and to list yourself. Or contact Tamsen at info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com 705.645.5225 or Carolyne at cwagland@cogeco.ca/705.788.7062. An Arts Council of Muskoka initiative funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and Muskoka Futures Development Corporation. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)

- 2. Employment Opportunity:** Are you 30 or under and interested in participating in an exciting, new, district-wide arts-in-education program? Get your resume in to the Arts Council of Muskoka. Pending funding, the organization is hiring one full time employee from May 2009 to June 2010. Contact us for details at info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com or 705.645.5225. . [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 3. Call for Participants:** Third Annual **Walking in My Mother's Shoes**, a multi-disciplinary tribute to mothers and exploration of Motherhood, from the Arts Council of Muskoka, May 9 & 10 at The Rosseau, a JW Marriott Resort, in Minett. [Download the Call for Participants](#). Contact Tamsen at info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com / 705.645.5225 or Gayle at mci@artsinmuskoka.com / 705.765.1048 for more. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 4. Call for Volunteers:** Want to help support the arts community in Muskoka? **The Arts Council of Muskoka** has a lot of exciting initiatives on its plate and we need your assistance. We're looking for volunteers to help us with: our website, the Arts Directory of Muskoka website, monthly newsletters, coordination and hanging art for the Gallery Space Project, a new, district-wide arts-in-education project, and new community arts centre projects in Bracebridge and Port Carling. We've also got a strategic review coming up starting this month, and big plans for Muskoka as a Designated Arts Community and the G8. We'd love you to get involved! Give Tamsen a call at 705.645.5225 or info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com . [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 5. Employment Opportunity: The Scugog Council for the Arts** is recruiting dynamic, collaborative leader with a passion for the arts to fill a part time position of **Manager of Operations**. Forward your app to Scugog Council for the Arts, 181 Perry St., Box 780, Port Perry, ON, L9L 1A7, attention Lis Simpson, Secretary, by 4 p.m. on Thursday April 16. Interviews will be held on Monday April 20, 2009. Full job description available at www.scugogarts.ca. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 6. Announcing the establishment of the Muskoka Theatre Guild** to promote live theatre in Muskoka. Whether you're involved in local theatre as an active participant or as a regular theatre goer, join the Guild to vote and to participate in this fabulous initiative. The group's next meeting is at 1018 Moot Rd. Hwy 117E on Sunday, May 3rd @ 2 p.m., to discuss options and to nominate and perhaps elect a board of directors. Download the [announcement](#) for details. For more contact Valerie Houston Peel at 705.767.1177. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 7. Upright Piano: Free to a good home.** This piano was left behind in a house sale, and musician/real estate agent Terry Riddoch wants to see it go to a good home. It does need some work. Contact Terry at triddoch@soldonmuskoka.com or 705.706.0439. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 8. FYI to bibliophiles:** Check out this great website <http://www.goodreads.com/>. Be warned: Muskoka Novels author Gabrielle Wills reports that it's addictive. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 9. Check out the latest Muskoka Bay Gallery & Pottery Newsletter.** Jim Brown and resident artists including Elke Scholz have a busy season ahead that includes a Hospice Muskoka fundraiser kicking

off on May 8. [Check out their newsletter](#) or contact them at 705.687.0759 or www.muskokabaygallery.com [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)

10. Congratulations to the winners of the 6th annual **Writing Out Loud Storytelling Event**, held at the Rosseau, a JW Marriott Hotel and Spa in Minett. Winners include George Brooks, Cindy Watson, Jenny Cressman, Rod McPhee, Morgan Earl and Anna Chamberlain. Keep doing what you're doing! [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
11. **Call for Entry: Raven's Garden Party**, July 23 to 26. Cedar Raven Studio is looking for works on or inspired by ravens or other birds and gardens for exhibition indoors and outdoors in the sumptuous gardens surrounding Cedar Raven Studio, 1221 Cedar Lane, Bracebridge. Call Col Mitchell at 705.646.2978 or go to www.theravensgardenparty.blogspot.com. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
12. **Call for Exhibitors: Art In Bloom Artist & Artisan Expo**, taking place in May at the **Hamilton Convention Centre**. This is the first of its kind in the Hamilton area, similar in nature to the Toronto One Of A Kind Show, with more than 100 artists exhibiting their work for sale to the general public. Booths still available. Email info@artinbloom.ca for more. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
13. **Noticed: Arts and Crafts Vendor Opportunity**. Windermere Lions Club organizes a flea market every year—this one takes place Saturday August 1, that is reportedly inexpensive to participate in and well-attended. Contact windermere@a12lions.org for more. Thanks to Muskoka Lakes Councillor Ian Wallace for sending that along. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
14. April 7: **BIO Doctor Workshop** at Robinson's Independent Grocers, 131 Howland Drive off highway 60, upstairs in the Community Room. Part of the **Huntsville Art Crowd's** Open Studio series. Make your bio or artist statement the best it can be. Bring it along for a workshopping session led by veteran journalist Tamsen Tillson. Session runs 7 to 9 p.m. costs \$10, payable at the door. For more information or to reserve your spot, call (705) 646-2978 or email ravon247@sympatico.ca [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
15. April 7: **Muskoka Songwriter's Clinic**: One-hour intensive songwriter's workshop with Carlos del Junco, world renowned performing and recording artist. Carlos will offer tricks of the trade and professional know-how. 12:30 p.m. \$5, free to music students. Contact to register and for location 705.571.1825 or first@mandolinrecords.com. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
16. April 14: **The Culture Industry**, an informative and interactive seminar from *Innovation Muskoka* (a Muskoka Futures initiative) on strengthening our creative profile. Panel includes Economic Development Officers, Heritage, Muskoka Tourism, Muskoka Arts & Crafts, Nipissing University and more. Everyone interested in supporting Muskoka's emerging cultural identity is encouraged to attend. [Download the Poster for details](#). 1 to 4:30 p.m. \$15. Muskoka Grandview near Huntsville. Space is limited. For info or to register go to www.muskokafutures.ca/innovation or call 705-646-9511 ext. 23. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)

17. April 15: **Arts Integra Festival Competition** Ontario Regional submission deadline. Arts Integra's mission is to promote and encourage the creation and learning of the arts. The competition is open to all, internationally, and online and mailed submissions are encouraged. For more go to www.artsintegra.com. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
18. April 16: **Arts Council of Muskoka Annual General Meeting** at the **Port Sydney Community Hall**, 32 Hall Road, Port Sydney, 7 p.m. Speaker Newman Wallis on a watershed time for the arts in Muskoka. First ever Honourary Lifetime Memberships. Recapping a great year and setting the course for the future. info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com 705.645.5225. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
19. April 16: **Cultural Careers Council AGM** at the Lillian H. Smith Library, 239 College Street, Toronto, 4:30 p.m. Please RSVP by April 10. Call 416.340.0086 or info@workinculture.on.ca. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
20. May 1: **Invitation: Creative Muskoka: Vision to Reality**, Nipissing University, Bracebridge Campus, 125 Wellington Street, facilitated by Kathy Simpson of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A whole-community meeting to prioritize the group's projects and initiatives and finalize its organizational structure. This will be the day on which we make some big decisions and start moving forward significantly, so be sure to have either yourself or a representative of your organization there to have your input heard. \$10 per person, lunch provided. Register at <http://www.mcnet.ca/creativemuskoka>, or contact Muskoka Futures for details at 705.646.9511 or copfer@muskokafutures.ca. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)

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21. Monday nights: **The Swells** host a **weekly jam session at the Albion Tavern**, 100 Muskoka Rd. N., in Gravenhurst. Everyone is welcome to sing, play, bands welcome, or just come at be entertained by some of the best musicians in the area...FREE!! For more, contact theswells@hotmail.com. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
22. Wednesdays: **Life Drawing Open Studio**, at the **Chapel Gallery**, 15 King Street, Bracebridge. An open studio for professional and emerging artists, students, and anyone interested in drawing the human form. People work independently and at their own level. While no formal instruction is provided, support and encouragement are given. The open studio format is designed to work progressively from gestures through to longer poses. 7 to 9:30 p.m. \$10 per session. Bring your own drawing materials. Read more on the [Muskoka Arts & Crafts website](#) or call (705) 645-5501. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
23. Thursdays: **Portrait Group Open Studio**, at the **Chapel Gallery**, 15 King Street, Bracebridge. An open studio for professional and emerging artists and students. A model is available. Bring your own

drawing materials. No instruction is provided but support and fellowship are available. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Yearly registration fee of \$10 for MAC members and \$12 for non-members plus \$6 per session. Read more on the [Muskoka Arts & Crafts website](#) or call (705) 645-5501. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)

24. April 1 to June 21: **New Beginnings**, a spring show from **Eclipse Art Gallery**, Deerpark Resort, featuring work from Karen Sloan, Catherine O'Mara, Jeanette Obbink, Deb Grise, Ed Novak, Ellen Cowie and Mark Kulas, 10 Duncan Street West, Huntsville. Go to www.eclipseartgallery.ca or call 705.789.8803 for more. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
25. April 1 to 30: **Elements in Art**: an exhibit of art celebrating earth, air, water and fire, presented by the **Huntsville Art Crowd**. In the Partners Hall of the **Algonquin Theatre** in Huntsville. Show winds up with an Art Show and Sale, May 1 and 2, 5 to 9 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. respectively, at the newly-renovated Huntsville Curling Club, 6 Veteran's Way. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
26. April 1 and 8: A two-evening **introduction to digital SLR photography**, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Your Independent Grocer in Bracebridge, led by photographer **Andy Zeltkains**. (Check out his work at www.zelcamphotography.com) Cost: \$60. Contact andyz@vianet.ca or (705) 645-9611. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
27. April 2: **Spirit Café** at The Muskoka Bean, Manitoba and Taylor Rd., Bracebridge. A get-together to enjoy good company, refreshments and lively and open-minded discussions on issues of faith, meaning and "the big questions." 7 to 8:30 p.m. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
28. April 3: **Northern Blues Review 7** at the **Algonquin Theatre** in Huntsville. This fantastic collection of local musicians, among them Tobin Spring, Sean Connon, Sherrise Stevens and Jordan Riley are coming together to bring the best of blues, jazz, soul, and some good old rock and roll. This is Huntsville talent at its very best. Get your tickets early. Show time is 8:00 p.m. and tickets are \$25.00. For tickets and information, (705) 789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
29. April 3 & 4: **The Cellar Singers** present the third of their four-concert 2008-2009 season, featuring **JF Haydn's Missa Sancti Nicolai** and **Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms**, at **Trinity United Church** in Gravenhurst and **St. Paul's United Church**, Orillia, respectively. Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$25, \$12 for students. Go to www.thecellarsingers.com, or (705) 687-8078 or (705) 645-4273 for more. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
30. April 3 to 14: **Large & Small: Jing Fu**: The first of two Special Exhibitions at the **Silver Bridge Gallery**, 4 Manitoba Street, **Bracebridge**. Featuring a rare series of paintings under 16 inches. The second part, July 3 to 14, will feature the exclusive release of six large paintings. Call 705 646-2460 or visit www.silverbridgegallery.com [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
31. April 4 onwards: **Year of the Ox**, 8th international print exhibition comes to the **Muskoka Place Gallery**. Artists from around the world come to celebrate the Year of the Ox under the auspices of

the Proof Studio Gallery in Toronto. In addition to artists from Hong Kong, Switzerland, Scotland, Romania, Australia and across Canada, in Muskoka this exhibit features local artists Krysia Bower, Anne Clement, Gayle Dempsey, Marg Peter, Marie St. Germain and Pat Whittle, as well as former Muskoka resident Ashley Andrews. Go to www.muskokaplace.ca or call 705.765.1048 for details. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)

- 32.** April 4: **Destino at the Rene M Caisse Memorial Theatre**, Bracebridge. Celebrated young talents Leon Leontaridis, Joey Niceforo and Paul Oullette draw from a variety of musical influences to produce a wildly popular musical mélange sometimes called “popera” that is sweeping today’s musical charts. Go to www.destino3.com for more on this talented phenom. Show time is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$34/\$32 for seniors/students. www.renemcaissetheatre.ca or janet@renemcaissetheatre.ca or call (705) 205-0090 or (705) 645-8400. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 33.** April 4: **David Rotundo Band**, a CD Release Party at **Peter’s Place Live**. Show time is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$30. For more go to www.petersplayers.com or call (705) 687-2117. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 34.** April 6: Friends of Bracebridge Public Library is hosting a **public reading and book signing for Yesterday: Anthology of Memoirs**. Carl L. Bedal, Maria Duncalf-Barber, Catherine Elliott, Bruce Liddle, Wilma Petch and Maurice Rose’Meyer, will read excerpts and will be on hand to sign copies. Yesterday: Anthology of Memoirs features memoir excerpts from the library’s memoirs group and is published by writer-in-residence Melody Richardson. The book is \$21. 7 p.m. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 35.** April 7: **Muskoka Song Night at the Hideaway Pub**, 211 Main Street, Huntsville with Carlos del Junco and Ruth Cassie, special feature Shane Connan. Hosted by Linda McLean. Doors open at 7 p.m., showtime is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10 at the door. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 36.** April 8: **Education Huntsville** launches its new website at the multi-purpose room of **Huntsville Public Library**. 12 to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided by Huntsville High’s Hospitality & Tourism Foods Program. [Download the invitation](#). Please RSVP at info@educationhuntsville.ca or 705.789.5232. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 37.** April 8: **Fast and Fun-Fused Designs with Elaine Quehl**, at **Gateway Fibreworks**, 291 Phillip E, Gravenhurst. Elaine Quehl is an award-winning Canadian Quilt artist who specializes in colourful and intricately stitched pieced and appliquéd art quilts. In this one day class you will create a dynamic wall quilt. Includes fool-proof cutting techniques and an overview of basic design principles. \$60 plus materials. Call Gateway Fibreworks at 705.687.5222 or go to www.gatewayfibreworks.com to reserve your spot and to obtain your materials list. For more information on Elaine, visit www.equarelle.ca. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)

- 38.** April 13: **Spinning Reels** presents **50 Dead Men Walking**, a thriller looking back at Northern Ireland and “the Troubles” in the late ‘80s, at the **Norwood Theatre** in Bracebridge. Show time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased in advance at Readers’ World in Bracebridge or can be reserved by calling 705.645.5806 or SpinningReelsBB@gmail.com. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 39.** April 13: **Dofasco Male Chorus** at the **Gravenhurst Opera House**. Sponsored by St. James Anglican Church and South Muskoka Hospital Aux. Show time is 7:30 and all seats are \$30 Call the Op box office at 705.687.5550 for information or tickets. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 40.** April 16-18, 22-25: **The Huntsville Festival of the Arts and Rotary Club of Huntsville are proud to present The Wizard of Oz at the Algonquin Theatre**. Director Gregg Evans brings this timeless classic to life with a large cast of talented local actors. Dorothy's journey through the magical Land of Oz and her friendships with the Tin Man, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion will take us back to a time when anything was possible and the improbable wasn't that hard to imagine. Contact the theatre for show times. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for youth, and a family four-pack is \$80. For tickets and information, (705) 789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 41.** April 17: **Garrett Mason at Peter’s Place Live**. Show time is 9 p.m. and tickets are \$37. For more go to www.petersplayers.com or call (705) 687-2117. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 42.** April 18: **Penderecki String Quartet, at Trinity United Church**, 33 Main St. E., Huntsville. Part of the Huntsville Association for the Performing Arts’ 2008-2009 season. Formed in Poland in 1986, the Penderecki String Quartet has become one of the most celebrated chamber ensembles of their generation. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults, youth \$10.00. For more information contact Martina Schroer at jonquillamabile@hotmail.com or (705) 787-1918. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 43.** April 18: **Caverners, a tribute to the Beatles, at the Rene M. Caisse Memorial Theatre**, Bracebridge. These boys are all-Canadian, but they have yet to perform without crowds screaming, stamping their feet and yelling for more. She Loves You to Hey Jude, they’ve got it nailed, right down to the Liverpudlian accents. Show time is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$20 to \$33. www.renemcaissetheatre.ca or janet@renemcaissetheatre.ca or call (705) 205-0090 or (705) 645-8400. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 44.** April 19: **Muskoka Concert Association presents Aradia Ensemble**, with director Kevin Mallon and dancer Marie-Nathalie Loursiere, at the **Gravenhurst Opera House**. The fourth and final concert of the Muskoka Concert Association’s 2008-2009 season. Show time is 2 p.m. and information and tickets are available at (705) 641-8773. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)
- 45.** April 24-26: **Annual Spring Writing Conference** from the Canada East chapter of **the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators** is taking place at the Kempenfeldt Conference Centre in Barrie. Limited all-inclusive weekend attendance but lots of Saturday day-only spots. Come take part in the writing and illustrating inspiration, networking and fun! For more go to the events page of their website at www.scbwicananda.org/east/events.htm. [Arts Industry Top](#) [Arts Events Top](#)

- 46.** April 25 – May 9: **Water, Wind & Sky—An annual exhibition by the Brown Baggers, at the Chapel Gallery**, 15 King Street, Bracebridge. Every year the Brown Baggers challenge themselves to produce a themed exhibition. Opening reception is Saturday April 28, 1 to 4 p.m. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5. For more, info@muskokaartsandcrafts.com or (705) 645-5501.
- 47.** April 26: **Black Fly Music Festival at the Algonquin Theatre**. Join the Muskoka Concert Band under the direction of Neil Barlow as they usher in the spring season with a musical tribute. This year marks the fiftieth season that the band has performed in Muskoka, and Barlow has put together an exceptional program to celebrate this special occasion. Show time is 2:00 p.m. and tickets are \$15.00. for tickets and information call (705) 789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca.
- 48.** April 27: **Spinning Reels** presents Necessities of Life, preceded by the short film I Met the Walrus, at the **Norwood Theatre** in Bracebridge. Show time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased in advance at Readers' World in Bracebridge, or can be reserved by calling (705) 645-5806 or SpinningReelsBB@gmail.com.
- 49.** April 29: **Extraordinary- Smile Theatre at the Algonquin Theatre**. This world premiere celebrates the unique contributions of the Canadian women who became wives and mothers in the years following the 2nd World War. This original musical is dedicated to the women who challenged expectations and were instrumental in changing the world they lived in. Show time is 2:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10.00. For tickets and information, (705) 789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca.
- 50.** April 29: **Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour 09 at the Algonquin Theatre**. Rapid Media's 4th annual Reel Paddling Film Festival showcases the world's best paddling films to 16,000 outdoor adventure enthusiasts in 75 cities in Canada, the United States and around the world. The festival inspires more people to explore rivers, lakes and oceans, push physical and emotional extremes, embrace the lifestyle and appreciate the heritage of the places we paddle. Show time is 7 p.m. and tickets are \$12, \$10 for youth, and include a one-year digital edition subscription to one of Rapid Media's paddlesports magazines. For tickets and information, (705) 789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca.
- 51.** April 30: **Trillium Lakelands District School Board Student Film Fest at the Algonquin Theatre**, featuring short films produced by local area students. Show time is 7 p.m. and tickets are \$7, \$5 for students. For tickets and information, (705) 789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca.
- 52.** May 1-2: **Elements in Art, the Huntsville Art Crowd's** themed show running all April, comes to an exciting conclusion with an Art Show and Sale, 5 to 9 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. respectively, at the newly-renovated Huntsville Curling Club, 6 Veteran's Way. For more contact Col at info@huntsvilleartcrowd.com or 705.646.2978.

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