

## **Local artists take up residence in Leacock boathouse**

**For immediate release (July 26, 2019)** – With the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reconstruction of the historic Leacock Boathouse fast approaching, the Stephen Leacock Museum National Historic Site is proud to welcome local artist Craig Mainprize and guests to its first Artist in Residence Program.

Celebrating the spirit of community which helped to bring this cultural and creative touchstone back to Orillia, the week-long residency runs from July 28 to Aug. 5 and will feature workshops by Birdbath Collaboration, Otter Art Club and Craig Mainprize.

“We’re tremendously excited to partner with the local arts community for a new and exciting way to use our space at the boathouse. The various workshops, offered in a beautiful setting, appeal to artists young and old,” said Tom Rose, Collections and Program Supervisor for the Leacock Museum.

Stop by to watch Mainprize and his guests at work in the boathouse, or register for one of the workshops detailed below. Each workshop will provide materials, but the facilitators encourage participants to bring their own materials if they have them, especially easels.

### **Monday, July 29 from 2 – 4 p.m.**

Led by Otter Art Club (Travis Shilling and Naomi Woodman), this children’s workshop gives kids the opportunity to explore their limitless creative side, allowing them to pick from a variety of mediums such as drawing, pen and ink, acrylics, watercolours, oil painting and sculpture.

**Registration:** \$35 | **Contact:** [otterartclub@gmail.com](mailto:otterartclub@gmail.com)

### **Thursday, Aug. 1 from 4 – 6 p.m.**

Led by The Birdbath Collaboration (artists Tanya Cunningham and Bewabon Shilling), this workshop explores the world of collaborative painting *en plein air*. Participants are encouraged to work in groups of two as they take turns creating their own collaborative artwork.

**Registration:** \$30 | **Contact:** [tanyacunnington@gmail.com](mailto:tanyacunnington@gmail.com)

### **Thursday, Aug. 1 and Friday, Aug. 2 from 2 – 4 p.m.**

Two workshops by resident artist Craig Mainprize, ‘An Introduction to Landscape Painting’ (Thursday) and ‘An Introduction to Still Life Painting’ (Friday), guide participants through the process of planning and creating a painting from start to finish.

**Registration:** \$25 each | **Contact:** [mainprizeart@gmail.com](mailto:mainprizeart@gmail.com)

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**Photo Cutline:** Local artist Craig Mainprize paints a landscape piece in J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park. The Leacock Museum is pleased to welcome Mainprize and guests to its first Artist in Residence Program.

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