

**PRESS RELEASE: Museum reopens showcasing new exhibit**

If you are ready for us, we are ready for you! Effective July 21<sup>st</sup>, the Brockville Museum will be open by appointment. This is your opportunity to enjoy a private museum experience for you and up to four other members of your social circle (max. party of 5). We are currently booking through to Labour Day Weekend, with additional Fall hours to come. Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance (subject to availability).

The much anticipated temporary exhibit, “Painting Picnic with Prudence Heward” will be open, along with exhibitions in the Carriage Hall and Beecher House (for details on our exhibitions, please visit: <http://www.brockvillemuseum.com/exhibits>).

“Painting Picnic with Prudence Heward” brings together for the first time, works by Heward (1896-1947) which exclusively feature Brockville and area scenes. An associate of the Beaver Hall Group of painters, a Montreal group of both female and male artists active primarily in the 1920s. Heward spent her summers at the family’s cottage at Fernbank. There she was known to host “painting picnics” with her friends and colleagues including A.Y. Jackson and Sarah Robertson. “Painting Picnic” brings together some of the results of these gatherings and includes 15 largely lesser-known works. The exhibit includes works on loans from a dozen private collections and institutions.

Your safety as well as the safety of our museum staff is our top priority. Safety protocols are in place to help keep all of us safe: masks are required to be worn by all visitors (and staff), hand sanitizer will be available, washrooms will be open for visitors with regular cleaning, and all guests will be asked to complete a symptom screening questionnaire upon entering. These protocols are subject to change based on the advice of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Unit and the City of Brockville.

Bookings may be made through the Brockville Museum website or by calling the Brockville Arts Centre Box Office at (613) 342-7122. Admission to the Brockville Museum is by donation. Contactless payment can be made at time of booking.

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