



News release

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Edmonton's First Art Swap

Edmonton... A new event with the goal of recycling art promises to unite art lovers and seekers in an unconventional way. **The Art Swap** is happening for the first time here in Edmonton, October 1 and 2.

This event is for both art owners and collectors who want to recycle their art, and art lovers who want to acquire new art. The Art Swap will bring the two together. Used art will be available from collectors and owners that want to recycle art and make it new again. New owners will have fresh art to enjoy and old owners can feel good about dusting off their pieces and giving it new life.

There will be a variety of works available for purchase. Artwork will range from hidden gems from original art owners that want to recycle their art and make it new again to work from local artists and art school students. In addition to racks of art there will be free children's workshops, local artists talking about their work, an author reading from a local award winning author and more.

The Art Swap happens at the Kids in the Hall Bistro at City Hall on Saturday, October 1 and Sunday October 2 from 10 – 4. This event is sponsored by the Government of Alberta and Capital Power Corporation.

The Art Swap is part of the celebrations occurring throughout the province during Alberta Arts Days 2011. Alberta Arts Days, which is part of National Culture Days and runs from September 30 to October 2, is all about discovering, experiencing and celebrating our unique blend of peoples and passions, and the importance of arts and culture to a healthy and vibrant Alberta. To learn more, visit www.AlbertaArtsDays.ca

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There are many activities happening as part of The Art Swap. The art sale itself runs from 10 – 4 on both days and will offer affordable art from previous owners, local artists and art school students.

- Two of Edmonton's local artists will be giving artists talks at 11:30 and 2:30 on each day.
- There is a free children's workshop with local artist Heather Shillinglaw on Sunday at 10:30 and 11:30. Ms. Shillinglaw will bring a multicultural aspect to the workshops as she teaches how collage materials reflect various parts of culture. She has taught these workshops at both Catholic School Board and the Edmonton Public School Board. Sign up on site for these, there is a limit of 10 children per workshop.
- A local award winning author, Thomas Wharton, will be there to read from his newly published book, part of a trilogy on both days at 12:30.

Art owners, bring in your art. Drop off time for art owners and collectors who want to participate in the art swap are: Saturday, September 24th from 10 to 12 noon and Tuesday, September 27th from 5 to 7pm at Kids in the Hall Bistro, #1 Sir Winston Churchill Square

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