

POSE: Portrait of a Senior Experience | Information Package

“Brushed by time, coloured by experience.”

Online registration option: latchamartcentre.ca/pose/ | **Deadline: August 21, 2026**

Program Location: Latcham Art Centre (2 Park Drive, Stouffville, ON)

Latcham Art Centre is providing the opportunity to celebrate YOU, affirm your life story and build your confidence with art. Let's challenge stereotypes and change the perspective of what it means to be a senior! Come and have fun and meet new people in a supportive and creative environment! We are seeking a diverse group of 16 - 18 seniors (ages 55+) who bring different experiences to the conversation and are excited to try something new.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

In September, Latcham Art Centre (LAC) will be hosting two and a half days of creative exploration, social interaction, and FREE lunches/cakes in the hopes of ultimately producing 18 unique “portraits” of seniors in our community that challenge common stereotypes or beliefs about what it means to be a “senior.”

These portraits will then be displayed in the Stouffville Library and the Municipal Offices until February 2027.

Please note that this project is FREE for all participants!

WHO IS LEADING THE PROJECT?

The project is being led by the Award-Winning Latcham Art Centre staff, and a project committee of your peers that will be making the experience fun, interesting and memorable. Everything will be taken care of – you just show up ready to have fun!

The idea is to have seniors leading seniors to encourage engagement, inclusion, challenge stereotypes, and change the perception of what it means to be a senior.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Our team is looking for a diverse group of seniors (ages 55+) from different life experiences who are open to trying something new and having fun doing it.

There is NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY – just an interest in creative exploration and a willingness to participate!

PROJECT DATES & TIMES

Latcham Art Centre | 2 Park Drive, Stouffville | 905-640-8954 | latchamartcentre.ca

Program Dates & Times:

Monday, September 21 | 10 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesday, September 22 | 10 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, September 23 | 10 AM – 1:00 PM

On display until February 2027.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

DAY 1 & DAY 2

- On Monday, September 21st and Tuesday, September 22nd, participants will gather in the studio at the Leisure Centre and engage in fun and interesting activities with topics that look at ourselves and our life experiences. Hopefully, you will learn a lot about the people in your group, and yourself, and have some fun in the process!
- Then, for each of these topics, we'll engage in creative exercises using a variety of art materials to represent your findings in these activities.
- The result will be a collage-like piece. The portrait will be more of a representation of your "mind and heart" rather than your physical features.
- Again, the key is to **explore and have fun!**

DAY 3

- On **Day 3**, we'll spend the first few hours of the day putting the final touches on our portraits and then stand back to admire the results.
- We will take group and individual photos and celebrate the experience with CAKE!

PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

We want to make sure to capture all the fun and interesting conversations and creative exploration that is going to take place, so we are bringing in a fabulous videographer to film during the process. They will work in the background, so you won't really notice them in the studio.

From the footage, a short video will be produced that will be presented beside the portrait when they're exhibited. That way, viewers get some context to the portraits on display.

Interested in what this might look like? In 2023, LAC facilitated the 3-day *Street Art Seniors of Stouffville (SASS)* program, [documented and viewable here](#).

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READY TO SIGN UP?

- If this all sounds like a great opportunity to connect with other seniors, play with art materials and get free lunches, the next step is to let us know that you are ready to commit to the 2.5 days in September by filling out our form (online or in-person)!
- Once our registration period is up, we will select 18 names from the submissions.
- **Again, you do not have to have any experience with art to participate, and we're looking for a diverse group to work with.**
- You must be able to commit the time and have a means of transportation to get to and from Latcham Art Centre.
- **Deadline to register: August 21, 2026.**

We hope to see you there!

For more information, please contact:

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