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Art Gallery of Hamilton and the Hamilton Naturalists' Club present
Wild About Nature Tour and Talk

Nature has always been a source of inspiration to artists. On **Wednesday, June 20 at 10:30 am**, the Art Gallery of Hamilton and Hamilton's Community Peregrine Project will present a tour and talk featuring the work of two of Canada's most noted wildlife painters currently on view in the AGH exhibition ***Wild Nature: George McLean and Chris Bacon from the Collection of Mr. David Braley***. Participants will also experience first hand the unique Falcon Watch, led by the Hamilton Naturalists' Club

For the past 13 years, endangered peregrine falcons have nested on the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel. Since 1994, the Hamilton Naturalists' Club has monitored this amazing activity through volunteer-led Falcon Watch, assisting the chicks as they learn to fly and thrive in an unforgiving urban environment.

Tour and Talk Schedule

10:30 - 11:15 am

Art Gallery of Hamilton

Tour of the exhibition, ***Wild Nature: George McLean and Chris Bacon from the Collection of Mr. David Braley***

11:15 - 12:00 pm

Art Gallery of Hamilton

Presentation about **The Hamilton Community Peregrine Project**

12:00 noon - 12:15 pm

Participants proceed to Jackson Square to view the monitor trained on the nest ledge.

12:15 - 1:00 pm

Art Gallery of Hamilton

Lunch Break

Enjoy lunch in the AGH's Irving Zucker Sculpture Garden. Participants may bring their own lunch or purchase one from the Café at AGH.

1:00 pm - Participants reconvene on the AGH plaza level. Volunteers of Falcon Watch will be available to help view the falcons using telescopes and to answer questions.

Participants who have binoculars are encouraged to bring them.

Fees:

AGH Members / Naturalist Club Members \$6.00

Non-Members \$8.00

Limited to 30 participants.

Pre-registration is required. Members of the public are asked to contact 905-527-6610, ext. 272 or e-mail laurie@artgalleryofhamilton.com for more information and to reserve their space.

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For information about the **Wild About Nature Tour and Talk**, please contact Laurie Kilgour-Walsh, Educator, at 905-527-6610, ext. 272 or by e-mail at laurie@artgalleryofhamilton.com

For information on the **Art Gallery of Hamilton**, its exhibitions and programming, please contact Steve Denyes, Manager, Communications at 905-527-6610, ext. 255 or by e-mail at steve@artgalleryofhamilton.com