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Art Gallery of Hamilton *talks* presents  
***Posing Beauty with curator Deborah Willis***  
**Named among the 100 Most Important People in Photography**  
**by American Photography Magazine**

Art Gallery of Hamilton *talk* series is pleased to present an evening with **curator Deborah Willis** on **Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30 pm** as she discusses the current AGH exhibition *Posing Beauty in African American Culture*.

This special evening is presented by TD in celebration of Black History Month. The Art Gallery of Hamilton is located at 123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton.

As a student in the 1970s, Dr. Deborah Willis came to the realization that images of black beauty simply did not exist in the larger culture. Determined to redress this imbalance, she examined everything from vintage ladies' journals to black newspapers and started what would become a lifelong quest. Dr. Willis also wrote the book that accompanies the exhibition. The 288-page, hardcover *Posing Beauty* is available for sale at the Shop at AGH for \$62.50 (AGH Members receive a 10% discount).

Currently on view at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, *Posing Beauty in African American Culture* features photography drawn from public and private collections and is the culmination of ten year's work for Dr. Willis. These works frame the notion of aesthetics, race, class and gender within art, popular culture and political contexts. Dr. Willis will share her vision and journey in creating this important exhibition.

Dr. Deborah Willis is a Professor and Chair of the Photography and Imaging Department at New York University. She was named among the 100 Most Important People in Photography by American Photography Magazine.

Tickets are \$6 for AGH Members, \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com), at the AGH Front Desk during Gallery hours or by calling 905-527-6610, ext. 241.

The year 2010 at the Art Gallery of Hamilton is devoted to *Vital Africa*, a year-long celebration of African art and culture and its influence on the world, presented by TD Bank Financial Group. *Vital Africa* activities include exhibitions, performances, film screenings, hands-on art workshops for adults, families and children, talks, tours and more. Honourary patron for *Vital Africa* is the Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander.

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