



ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON PRESENTS INTRIGUING EXHIBITION OF 'THINGS' MADE HERE IN HAMILTON

***Things Made Here: The Collection of Glen Faulman* opens at the
AGH Design Annex, Saturday January 31**



Glen Faulman and his Studebakers

Photo: Ian Walker

January 29, 2015 – The Art Gallery of Hamilton is proud to present *Things Made Here: The Collection of Glen Faulman*, a very special exhibition of items made in Hamilton in the late 19th and 20th century when the city was Canada's industrial powerhouse. The exhibition opens at the AGH Design Annex, located at 118 James Street North, on Saturday, January 31 and will remain on view until Saturday, March 21, 2015. Admission is free.

Glen Faulman (a.k.a. The Hamilton Kid) is a 10th-generation Hamiltonian, a third-generation steelworker, and part owner of This Ain't Hollywood on James Street North. Faulman aims to collect "an artifact from every manufacturing plant that ever operated in Hamilton," which would be nearly 1,000. This exhibition features selections from his collection.

"I want people to know what people have made here in the past," said Glen Faulman. "So much is disappearing today. I like that Hamilton was the Steel City where anything and everything was produced—from cars to soap and sewing machines to pop bottles."

From a late 19th-century sewing machine to a 1950's tabletop hockey game, to nail samples and graphic ads, these everyday artifacts will be of interest to people of all ages, those who are long-time Hamiltonians and those who have recently moved here.

"This is a great chance for people to see the original artifacts that put Hamilton on the map for its sheer productivity and innovation as an industrious centre," said Melissa Bennett, AGH Curator of Contemporary Art and co-curator of the exhibition with independent curator Tara Bursey. "This story dovetails nicely with the character of the arts community here today—we continue to push forward as a city with a reputation for force and creativity. The artifacts on view will help us connect with the past while appreciating the compelling vintage designs."

Glen began collecting 10 years ago. His collection, which numbers approximately 200 examples of what was produced here in Hamilton's manufacturing heyday, includes everything from two Studebakers to men's bathing suits, condoms, historic maps, rare glass bottles, waxed paper, bricks, and more.

"When I was a kid my parents always bought made-in-Canada whenever possible. So when I began antiquing it was natural that I would look for made-in-Hamilton. I continue to find some really neat stuff."

The exhibition, which is supported by Hamilton Economic Development, is presented in association with On the Waterfront, a Hamilton Winterfest exhibition that is part of the Winterfest Kick Off event on Saturday February 7, 2015 at Pier 8.

Please join us at Art Crawl on Friday February 13, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., for an exhibition opening reception with collector Glen Faulman in attendance, DJ and cash bar.

About the Art Gallery of Hamilton

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is continuing its Centennial celebrations. The oldest public art gallery in Southern Ontario, the AGH is the largest independent art gallery in Ontario. Established in 1914, its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, 19th century European and Canadian Contemporary art, now numbers more than 10,000 works and is recognized as one of the finest in Canada. The AGH is a vital creative hub and centre of lifelong learning that enables people of all ages to enrich their lives by gaining a deeper understanding of art.

The AGH Design Annex opened in 2012 in the heart of the James Street North Arts District. Located in an early 20th-century building, the Design Annex includes the Art + Design Store featuring the best in design for the home and office, and the Gallery where experimental installations are presented.

Visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com for more information.

Design Annex Visitor Information

Design Annex Admission: Free

Design Annex Hours:

Tuesday – Friday, 11 am - 6 pm; Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm. Sunday and Monday, closed. James Street North Art Crawl (2nd Friday of the month), 11 am – 11 pm.

The AGH Design Annex is located at 118 James Street North, downtown Hamilton, Ontario, L8R 2K7

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