

Homer Watson
House & Gallery

Markets Package 2024



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2024 Markets

We are pleased to announce our upcoming markets for 2024 and invite all **artists, vendors, and creators** to apply.

The Market Information Package is your go-to guide to learn more about the markets happening at Homer Watson House & Gallery. Our aim is to provide a platform for local artists and vendors to showcase their talents and connect with the community.

We believe that art and creativity bring people together, and our markets are no exception. Come and join us for our 2024 market season!

Announcing our 2024 markets:

- Mother's Day Garden Party
- Art Fair
- Spirit Market

And new this year:

- Clothesline Art Sale
- Writers Market



MOTHER'S DAY GARDEN PARTY

Date: Saturday May 11th, 2024

The annual Mother's Day Garden Party celebrates mothers and all others who care, love, and nurture us. This market is about mothers and makers! Visitors will enjoy an afternoon with talented and unique vendors, workshops that inspire, live music, sweet treats and so much more!

We will consider all creative vendor submissions. Artisan, art, pottery, textiles, candles, soaps, jewellery, décor, you name it! All makers and creators are welcome to participate as vendors. The Gallery does not take commission on any sales.

Additionally, we invite artisans to host a simple workshop at their booth for visitors to participate in. In your application, please identify and explain the workshop you intend to host. We will contact you to develop the day's program. Artists and creators who host pre-approved workshops at their booth will be compensated \$50 on the day of the market. This is optional and not required for entry as a vendor.

Market Time: 11:00-4:00pm

Market Set up: 9:00-10:30am

Market Take-down: 4:00-5:00pm

Artist/Vendor fee: \$50/vendor | Space: 10x10ft



CLOTHESLINE ART SALE:

Date: Saturday May 25th, 2024

We are excited to be hosting our first ever Clothesline Art Sale. We strive to make art more accessible, and the Clothesline Art Sale is the perfect opportunity for art lovers to purchase a wide range of art at varying prices. We support a diverse range of artists to display and sell their work in an easy and affordable way.

The wide variety of unframed works will be displayed on a clothesline through the trees and along the edge of the park.

We will consider all artwork that is original and unframed. All artists and creators are welcome to participate. Both emerging and seasoned artists can sell their artwork in a fun, easy and approachable way. Artwork is displayed on a clothesline only (must be light weight). Tables, tents, and display units are not allowed. Lawn chairs, clothes pins and bins are highly recommended. The Gallery does not take commission on any sales.

Market Time: 11:00-4:00pm

Market Set up: 9:00-10:30am

Market Take-down: 4:00-5:00pm

Artist/Vendor fee: \$25 | Space: 10ft clothesline



WRITERS MARKET:

Date: Saturday June 1st, 2024

Words have the power to delight, inspire, provoke, comfort, and unite—as do the authors, journalists and poets who wield them. In honour of Phoebe Watson, an artist and creative writer, the Gallery will be hosting a Writer’s Market Saturday June 1, 2024. Whether it is an edge-of-your-seat adventure, a fascinating memoir, or a tale of true love, stories are what bring us together and shape our understanding of our world. Join fellow writers and readers for a day of literary creativity that celebrates and inspires through written and spoken word.

Homer Watson House & Gallery will consider all creative writing vendor submissions. Non-fiction, fiction, biography/autobiography, memoir, children's books, young adult, how-to, cookbooks, science fiction, poetry. All writers are welcome to participate as vendors. The Gallery does not take commission on any sales.

Market Time: 11:00-4:00pm

Market Set up: 9:00-10:30am

Market Take-down: 4:00-5:00pm

Artist/Vendor fee: \$50/vendor | Space: 10x10ft



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4TH ANNUAL ART FAIR:

Date: Saturday September 14th, 2024

The Gallery has a rich history of being a hub for learning, teaching, creating, and enjoying art. In celebration, we are hosting our 4th annual Art Fair. The Art Fair will include a wide range of artistic styles and mediums from acrylic paintings, photography, sculptures, textiles, and so much more!

All artists and creators are welcome to participate as vendors. Join us in a celebration of artistic talent of the KW-region! The Gallery does not take commission on any sales.

Market Time: 11:00-4:00pm

Market Set up: 9:00-10:30am

Market Take-down: 4:00-5:00pm

Artist/Vendor fee: \$50/vendor | Space: 10x10ft



SPIRIT MARKET

Date: Saturday October 5th, 2024

Homer Watson showed an interest in spiritualism at an early age, which influenced both his personal life and his artwork. In the 1920's, Homer Watson's interest in spiritualism was deepened with the passing of his loving wife, Roxana. The Spirit Market carries on the tradition of the exploration and practice of spiritualism. Join other enthusiasts with spirit-themed vendors and workshops. From crystals, tarot cards, art, to devilishly tasty treats, there is something for everyone!

We will consider all artist/creators vendor submissions. Whether it is spirit-themed art, candles, crystals, books, décor, jewelry, or baked goods - all artists and creators are welcome to participate as vendors. The Gallery does not take commission on any sales.

Market Time: 11:00-4:00pm

Market Set up: 9:00-10:30am

Market Take-down: 4:00-5:00pm

Artist/Vendor fee: \$50/vendor | Space: 10x10ft

Food Truck/Vendors

- We invite local food vendors to sell food and drink during our markets. There is no application, please contact marketing@homerwatson.on.ca with an expression of interest. Staff will be in contact seeking more information.
- The Gallery does not take commission on any sales.

Musicians & Entertainers

- We invite local musicians, entertainers, and performers to participate in our markets. There is no application, please contact marketing@homerwatson.on.ca with an expression of interest. Staff will be in contact seeking more information.
- The musician/entertainer is required to bring any items needed (including tent/sunshade, speakers, cables, stands etc.)
- The Gallery does not take commission on any sales.



Vendor Products

- You must be the designer, up-cycler, or producer of the products to be sold. Only work produced by you or under your supervision will be considered.
- Imported or manufactured products are not accepted.

Vendor Application

- Vendor applications for markets will be made available on homerwatson.on.ca.
- Staff will review applications to ensure the theme of markets are maintained.
- The market committee reserves the right to determine eligibility of vendors and appropriateness of items exhibited.
- Accepted vendors will receive an email notification and a vendor fee invoice.
- Payment will be due within three business days of receipt.

Fees

- Spaces are \$50 per spot.
- Payment is due with confirmation of entry.
- Payment is non-refundable unless cancelled by HWHG.
- Clothesline sale: spots are \$25 per 10ft long section.

Spaces

- Spaces are 10x10 (which will be marked)
- Only outdoor spots are available.
- If you wish, you can have a double slot by purchasing two slots and indicating you wish them to be side-by-side.

Cancellation

- Cancellation due to poor weather will be determined by HWHG.
- Refunds for spaces will only be issued if the scheduled date is cancelled by HWHG.
- Please see the specific event description for scheduled rain date.
- In the event of an emergency, please notify a HWHG representative.

Set up & Take Down

- Market vendors are asked to arrive between 9:00am– 10:30am for setup. Please check-in with a HWHG representative upon arrival.
- Vendor take down: 4:00pm-5:00pm
- The vendor is required to bring any display items needed (including tent/sunshade, tent weights are highly recommended, display racks, tables, chairs, signage, etc.)
- Vendor booths must be contained within the booth perimeter, and nothing shall protrude into the aisle space.
- Vendor booths and contents, including chairs, tables, are not to be dragged across the venue grounds. Dollies or carts with rubber tires may be used to transport freight, etc. HWHG does not supply dollies or carts or staffing for move-in / move-out.
- Vendors are to stay the full length of the advertised market. Early takedown will result in being banned from future markets at HWHG. In the event of an emergency, please notify a HWHG representative.



Payment Methods

- The vendor processes all sales and payments.
- As this is an outdoor event there is no Wi-Fi or electricity available.
- Vendors are responsible for their own payment processing (Square, cash, etc.).
- HWHG does NOT take any commission from your sales.

Vendor Conduct & Booth Operation

- The vendor is responsible for their property. Booths must always be attended by an individual.
- One vendor's conduct shall not impede the sales of another. This includes excessive noise, negative comments about other vendors and their products, and blocking the view of another vendor's merchandise for the benefit of another.
- Vendors who do not comply with these conditions may be excluded from future markets and the full rental amount paid by the vendor will be retained.

Health and Safety

- When serving food samples, meeting health department requirements that ensure there is no cross-contamination, is the number one priority.
- Samples should be offered in single portions by using toothpicks, serviettes, mini sample cups, etc.
- Smoking: Smoking, vaping, and cannabis is not permitted anywhere within the venue premises unless otherwise stated.
- Pets/birds/animals are not permitted on the premises unless stated otherwise. Service animals are accepted.
- Vendors who do not comply with these conditions may be excluded from future shows and the full rental amount paid by the exhibitor will be retained.

Insurance and Liability

- The vendor understands that liability insurance is recommended, and no such coverage is implied or provided by Homer Watson House & Gallery or the City of Kitchener.
- The vendor understands that Homer Watson House & Gallery and the City of Kitchener are not liable or responsible for any injury to persons or bodily harm, damage, loss or other destruction by reason of fire, theft, accident or other destructive causes to their booth, during the event hours, set up and take down times.
- Each vendor shall lease space at their own risk. The vendor is responsible for insuring against any loss due to the causes mentioned above.
- Markets take place on historic grounds. Exhibitors shall be liable to the venue for any damages what-so-ever to the building or grounds.
- Homer Watson House & Gallery and its volunteers and employees are not in any way to be liable or accountable to the vendor.



Parking and Accessibility

- Parking is available in the small gravel lot in front of the main building.
- Street parking is available on Old Mill Road if needed.
- Parking on the street is encouraged for vendors to keep the small lot open for visitors & potential customers.
- A ramp is located from the parking lot up to the main building. The ramp leads to a walkway which also goes around to the side and back of the building towards the accessibility ramp.
- The rear door is kept locked for safety measures, if access is needed, please call the Gallery at 519-748-4377.

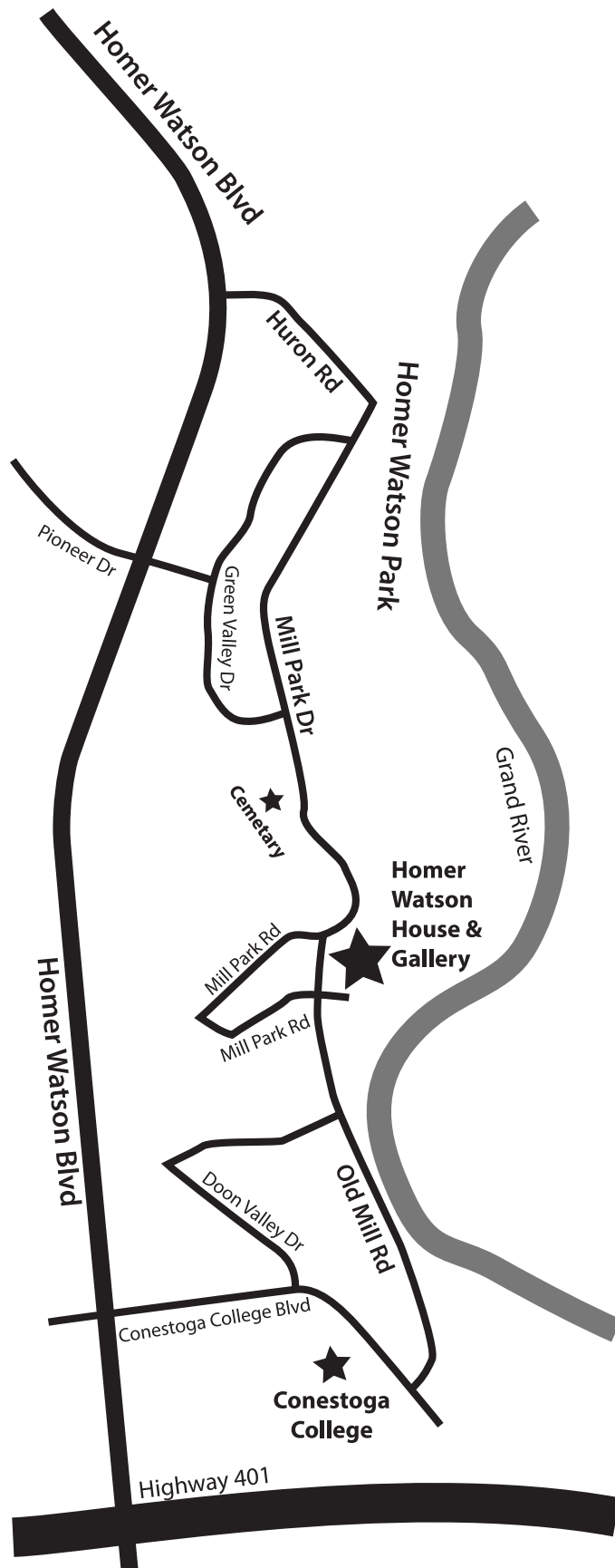
Washrooms

- A single washroom is located in the Watson Gallery, accessible from inside the main gallery and the rear ramp
- Two washrooms are available in the Basement Studio, accessible through ground level entrance
- A single washroom is Garden Studio, stairs required.
- All washrooms are featured with accessible grab bars.

Water access & Hydration

- Sinks are available in the Basement Studio, Garden Studio and Coach House.
- A water fountain is available in the Basement Studio.





About Us

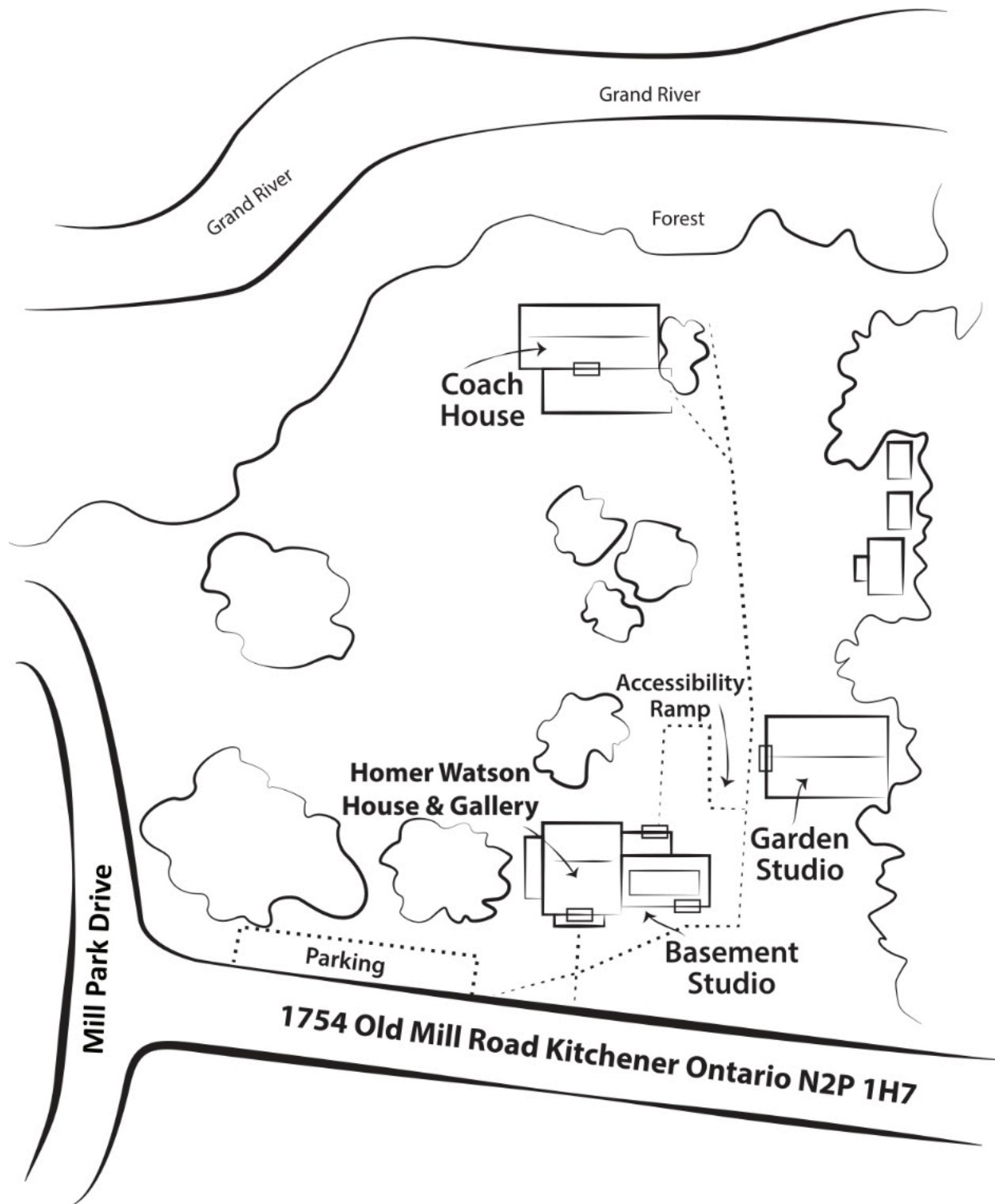
Homer Watson House & Gallery is the standing homestead and art studio of Canadian Artist Homer Ransford Watson (1855 – 1936). As a National Historic Site and charity, Homer Watson House & Gallery aims to preserve and celebrate the legacy of Homer Watson's creative spirit through appreciation, enjoyment, and practice of the visual arts.

The Venue

- Address:
1754 Old Mill Rd, Kitchener, ON N2P 1H7
- Gallery Hours:
Tuesday – Saturday: 10am-4:00pm,
Sunday 12:00-4:00pm,
Monday: Closed
- Phone number: 519-748-4377
- Email: marketing@homerwatson.on.ca

The Grounds

- The markets and events listed above will be taking place outdoors on the picturesque grounds of Homer Watson House & Gallery.
- The grounds can be accessed via the stairs towards the rear of the building by the Garden Studio, or by foot from the sidewalk and street.
- Please be advised that the grounds can be uneven and sloped in some areas. The grounds also include the Coach House, the Garden Studio, Fairy Garden, three artist cabins and fountain ruins.



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